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striker Andy Gray is
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'THE HULK' - destined
for the top

**Still the Real No.1
IN FOOTBALL**

Look out for **THE HULK** one of the talented youngsters about to break through into the big time

A YEAR ago we were thrilled to see Andy Peake, Justin Fashanu and Mark Proctor making an impact in the game soon after turning professional.

Well, this season we can add to that list the name of Kevin Moran — Manchester United's "Hulk" — and a host of other marvellous youngsters, all of whom we can safely predict will go on to make a name for themselves.

In fact, you could pick a fair old First Division side alone from boys who've made their debuts since the start of the season.

While the likes of Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence are around England will have no worries about their goalkeeping position, but the day will inevitably come when even these two will be pensioned off and the mother country will have to find a new number one.

That man could well be John Lukic of Leeds United. Strongly built and with a good pair of hands, John was one of the few successes in the England Youth team last year when they competed in the international tournament in Las Palmas.

Abilities

His agility and needle-sharp reflexes caught the eye as much as the goal-poaching abilities of Clive Allen and Mark Falco.

Since then John, born in Chesterfield (and after Banks, Wilson and the rest you couldn't have better than that) of Polish parents, has graduated to the first team at Leeds United and impressed everyone who's seen him.

He's made mistakes, as every young player learning his job does, but he's also performed so many heroics that Leeds manager Jimmy Adamson has had to go back on his original word that when David Harvey was fit again he would go straight back into the side.

Harvey, who was playing brilliantly in his testimonial season and tipped for a recall to the Scotland side, is now in the reserves, but doesn't begrudge Lukic his success and has indeed been of enormous help and encourage-

ment to the youngster.

If Lukic is the young goalkeeper to have made the greatest impact, then there can be no doubt that Tottenham's Chris Hughton has been the most impressive new full-back.

A year ago the coloured boy from West Ham was a lift operator in Southall, and happier to talk about brother Henry's career with Orient rather than his own.

Yet after making his League debut during the first month of the new season Chris has progressed so rapidly that he is already an international, capped by the Republic of Ireland against the United States and England despite being born and bred in the heart of London's East End.

Coolness personified, his positional sense is immaculate, his tackling crisp and his distribution of the ball improving all the time. Make no mistake, Chris Hughton is going to be a name of the 80's.

With Kenny Sansom already flying the flag for the young ones in the England international side, you

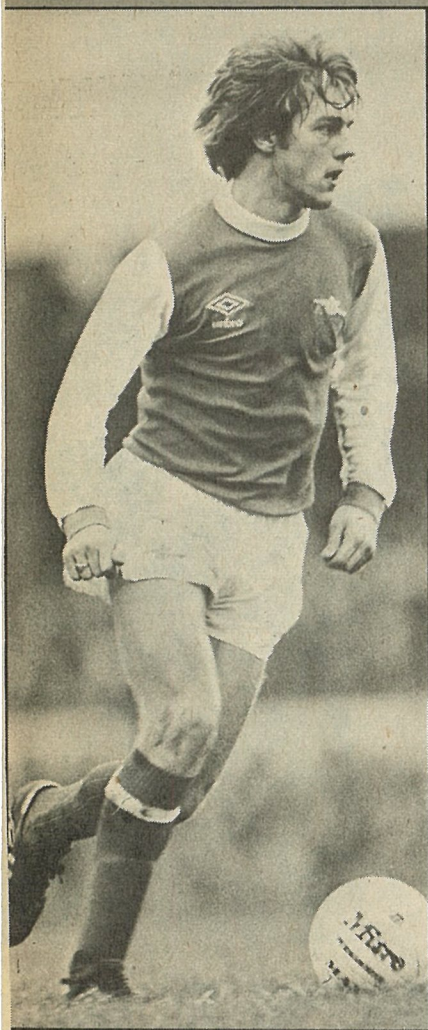
might think we need look no further for the next decade. Yet Sansom is already under pressure from West Brom's Derek Statham, there's Birmingham's Mark Dennis in the 'highly recommended' category, and now Norwich City feel they've got a gem of their own.

Greg Downs wasn't making a great deal of headway as a striker at Carrow Road, indeed he'd already been loaned out to Torquay United, so John Bond and Ken Brown thought they'd give him a stint at full-back.

The result has been staggering. As Bond himself said: "It was sink or swim for Greg really. Ken thought he'd done well in the reserves, and certainly Mel Machin was glowing in his praise of the boy, but when I plunged him into the first team I think they all thought I was mad and that he'd get skinned."

Kevin Moran (right) and John Lukic (below) are youngsters playing a big part in the futures of Manchester United and Leeds United respectively.





John Devine, challenging Sammy Nelson and Pat Rice in the Arsenal defence.

"Well, we're still waiting for him to have a bad game and quite honestly he's been our most consistent player over the past couple of months."

Another Irish full-back who's come of age this season is Arsenal's John Devine. Partly because of injuries, and partly because of the presence of Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson, there's been no room in the first team at Highbury for John since he left his native Dublin.

All he had to his name before the start of this season were ten full appearances in two seasons, but this term Devine has been given his chance and he's taken it very well. He has a nice turn of speed, can play on either flank, is extremely adventurous and has a crowd-pleasing style.

For the centre of the defence we only have to go to Manchester.

From Maine Road there's the lanky, leggy offering of Tommy Caton, from Old Trafford the extra muscle of Kevin Moran.

Caton was handed the number five shirt on the first day of a season that was always going to be riddled with holes by Manchester City manager Malcolm Allison.

He responded well to the challenge and is still there while the more illustrious names that were around him have wobbled in the face of adversity.

Deyna and Viljoen have been inconsistent. Shinton and Lee have failed to make an impact, young Mackenzie has faded after a prom-

ising start, Daley, all million-and-a-half pounds worth of him, is dissatisfied with his form, and Stepanovic has been more out than in. Yet Caton has stood firm, which speaks volumes for his character and his potential.

No less an authority than Brian Clough rates Caton England's best centre-half prospect for the future and other managers have been impressed by the boy's attitude.

As for Moran, or 'The Hulk' as he's known at Old Trafford, his chances have been limited, but in the space of half-a-dozen games he has done enough to suggest he could be a really big star of the future.

Dave Sexton says of the likeable

Last season Peter came into John Bond's plans for the first time and made seven first team appearances during October and November. Then he went back to the reserves to continue his apprenticeship, but now he's a regular member of the first team and he's one of the reasons for the new air of optimism for the future at Carrow Road.

A red-head in the Alan Ball mould, Peter has the customary fire in the belly associated with lads of that look, but he also has a lot of skill that is being used to the full in a fast improving Norfolk side that is lasting the pace despite the gloomy forecasts of some who felt they would fade.



Aston Villa's Gary Shaw has made a tremendous impact in his club's revival this season.

lad from Dublin: "He's built like an oak tree, is tough as teak, and can play football as well. He's going to be a terrific asset for us."

Moran played Gaelic football before crossing the Irish Sea, and he can certainly take care of himself. Although only 5ft 10ins tall Kevin is all muscle and has the perfect physique for a professional footballer.

Gordon McQueen is too good a player for United to omit, so when he regained fitness he displaced the youngster.

Lapse

But with Moran around, McQueen knows that any lapse in form would let the youngster back in and that his place would not then be so easily won back.

We can stay in Manchester too for a look at the newest midfield prodigy to have emerged.

City's black ace Dave Bennett is a sort of Vince Hilaire, Garth Crooks and Laurie Cunningham rolled into one.

He has that beautiful balance and mobility that seems inherent in the black footballer, and it hasn't taken him long to win the hearts of the Maine Road crowd.

Extremely skilful on the ball, he weights a delightful pass, has the necessary vision and time to do what HE wants.

Peter Mendham is an entirely different type at Norwich, but he has proved just as effective.

Another young midfielder who is doing well in a side that could wish for better results is Adrian Heath of Stoke City.

Alan Durban gave Adrian the chance to establish himself right from the off this season and he has managed to hold down a regular berth.

It would be nice to see him do well, as Stoke are one of the few clubs in the First Division who have many locally born players in their ranks.

Along with Adrian there are defenders Paul Johnson, Denis Smith and Alan Dodd, midfielders Paul A. Johnson and Kevin Sheldon and striker Garth Crooks. All were born in Stoke — an unusually high number of 'natives' for a First Division club.

Of the teenage strikers who've exploded on the scene, the pick is probably Aston Villa's Gary Shaw, and that's no surprise to the many admirers who've been predicting big things for him for some time.

Gary has built quite a reputation in Villa's Central League side and England's Youth team, and has ensured that the departure of Andy Gray to Wolves has not been as acutely felt as it might have been.

A hat-trick at Bristol City highlighted just how far Gary has come in a short time.

We are only concerning ourselves with First Division newcomers in this article, but it has to be said that Clive Allen has, of course,

made an even more dynamic impact with Queens Park Rangers in the Second Division.

Just when it seemed as though Leeds United were headed in the direction of disaster and possibly even the Second Division, they found a 17-year-old saviour in Terry Connor, a black boy who used to idolise Eddie Gray and Paul Madeley from the terraces not so long ago.

Connor came in with a bang scoring a debut winner against West Brom, and then netting thrice more in five games.

If he can keep up that kind of scoring ratio he will indeed be a star of the future, meanwhile he is contenting himself like all these other youngsters with being in a privileged position and learning his trade by the minute.

Concentrate

One of Terry's old heroes Allan Clarke has just decided to retire as a player and concentrate on management but that famous footballing family lives on with Wayne Clarke now developing apace with Wolves.

Nobody at Molineux can fail to have been impressed by the youngster who has the same trademark of genius as his elder brother, speed off the mark and an uncanny knowledge of exactly where the goal is.

There are others like Steve MacKenzie at Manchester City, Joe McBride at Everton, Gary Stevens at Brighton, Steve Goble at Norwich, Tommy English at Coventry, Paul Emson at Derby and Mike Carter at Bolton. Yes the future of English football looks secure and in very good hands.



Manchester City's Dave Bennett is just one of the talented young black players currently making their way in the Football League.

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What do you know about the police?

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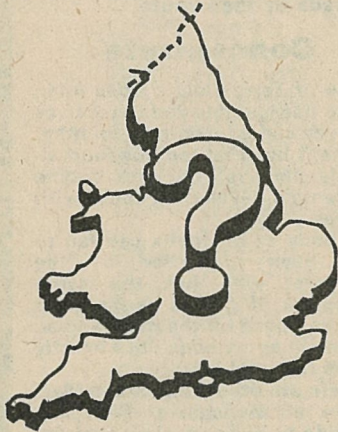
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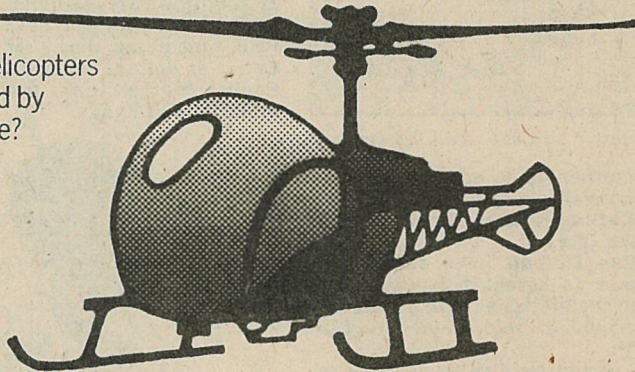


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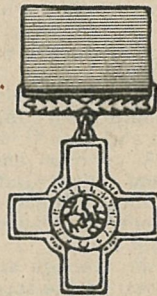
- a) Over 20,000
- b) Over 50,000
- c) Over 100,000



4. Are helicopters ever used by the Police?



5. Which is the highest award for bravery given in the Police?



This is the twelfth in a series depicting the background, present-day work and development of Britain's Police Force.

For further information about the Police write to:-

**Police Quiz, (J125), Home Office,
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1. Criminal Investigation Department
2. No, all ranks in the Police wear chequered cap bands
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4. Yes, they are hired from private firms
5. The George Cross

ANSWERS

LIVERPOOL'S power play has led us to being aptly described as a Red Machine difficult to deflect on its relentless path to more and more honours.

It's a tag we're very proud to accept at Anfield.

But like any machine, tremendous pressure is placed on the hard-working "moving parts" — the players — requiring regular replacements.

Manager Bob Paisley and his assistants — amongst whom is that great warhorse Tommy Smith back from a spell with Swansea City, and who are the best "mechanics" in the business — constantly "service" the team to ensure it sustains its maximum performance.

Such has been the turnover of players that I am now the only regular member of the team from the one that lost to Arsenal in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley. Stevie Heighway, scorer of our only goal against The Gunners, is still with us, but is usually named as a substitute.

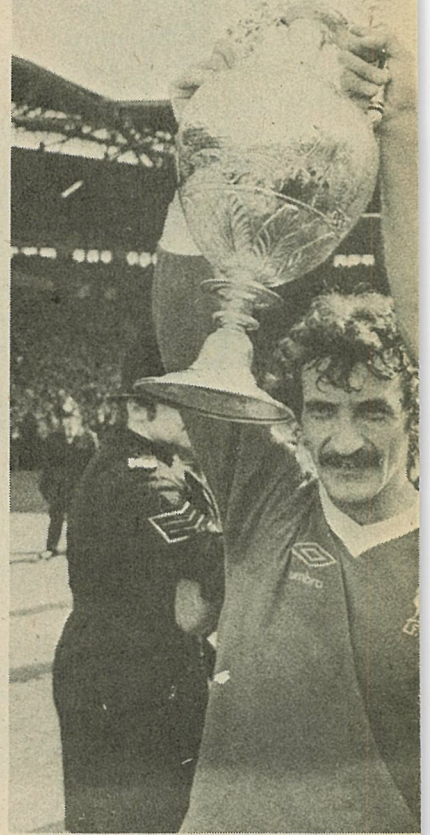
How does a club like Liverpool decide when it's time to tell a great player that it no longer needs his services?

What are the tell-tale signs he needs to be replaced by new blood?

First, a change in attitude signifying a lessening of his will to win, the essential ingredient in everyone who wears one of our red shirts.

It's the asset that often marks a Liverpool player above others: the burning desire to win, and to win

Terry McDermott and Ray Kennedy with the League Championship trophy in 1977.



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everything.

Our chairman John Smith emphasised this in the Press recently: "Winning is not the important thing. It's the *only* thing!"

Once a player shows a lack of the expected enthusiasm, his days are numbered. It's an almost inevitable situation for someone who's been under continuous pressure for years to keep the trophies coming to Anfield.

No other club in recent times can equal Liverpool's sustained success, and everyone who has played his part is truly proud of the fact.

Keeping at the top is much harder than getting there — as many successful sides who have come and gone have discovered. Every opponent seems to be extra-motivated against you, and every game becomes a Cup Final.

Nottingham Forest have certainly found things tougher in the League since their Championship win in 1978. They failed to hold on to their title the following season, and the odds are piled against them beating us to it this season.

Liverpool place a lot of emphasis on the character of a player they plan to sign. He may possess talent in abundance, but if he doesn't have the right outlook he gets the thumbs down.

He must be level-headed and

always willing to put the club first and accept the manager's decisions.

Once he's signed, he's in the spotlight and must conform to the high standards set at Anfield.

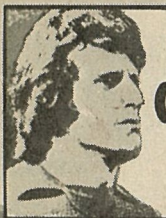
He finds himself faced with the task of maintaining a success story in which winning one trophy a season almost ranks as failure. Twice in the past decade we've completed the double of Championship and U.E.F.A. Cup, and the year we took the title and the European Cup, 1977, we almost won the F.A. Cup to complete a unique treble.

A sad day

It's a sad day indeed when someone who has contributed so much to the club on the playing field finds himself surplus to requirements.

So the first warning sign our trainers watch out for is psychological; the second is wear and tear on vital limbs and joints. Ankles are especially vulnerable. They weren't designed to take the strain of kicking a ball hard, sudden twisting and turning on all types of surfaces — and being whacked by boots!

The third tell-tale sign is loss of pace — that extra yard that separates the top class player from one at a lower level. Without that, it's almost impossible to compete in the incredibly fast-moving First Division.



Ray Clemence
TALKING
SOCCER

'The pressure to win trophies takes a toll'



takes a newcomer time to settle in and give him a chance to battle his way to a regular place in the first team.

Liverpool's way of avoiding the decline that Manchester United suffered for instance, after their magnificent European Cup win in 1968, when they kept an ageing team together for too long, is to replace at least one player per season in the first team.

We're never afraid to splash out big money, to draft in players from other First Division clubs.

High price

Whereas once the lower Divisions were a "gold mine" — both Kevin Keegan and I were bought for modest fees from Scunthorpe United — clubs there now tend to place a high price on promising talent.

At the time of writing there's Press talk of interest in Ian Rush, a youngster with Chester who is playing exceptionally well and scoring a goal a game. But so far, I believe, he's only played around 20 first team games for them, and our club would want to watch him over a long period before they moved in for him.

I must say, though, there's been no mention inside the club of the possibility of him joining us.

Because of the shortage of talent and the rocketing prices, Liverpool have extended their scouting net so far that it extends beyond the boundaries of the British Isles.

We've bought Avi Cohen, the Israeli international, who so far has played only one League game, against Leeds United in the 1-1 draw.

Such is the lure of Liverpool there's never any shortage of youngsters keen to join, despite the undeniable fact that recent history shows they have only a faint chance of making the first team.

Whereas other clubs, who reach a safe mid-table position around March and April and are out of the running for honours, can experiment by bringing in players from the reserves, the situation never arises with Liverpool.

That period is the hardest for us, when we need to be at our strongest to win trophies.

The only player with a background of playing for us at all levels is Phil Thompson.

Such is our high standard, many of our reserves could easily walk into the first teams of other First Division clubs, but they still dream of following in Phil's footsteps.

This Saturday, February 23rd, our visitors in the League are Ipswich Town, a club that because of limited revenue due to being situated in a comparatively poorly populated region, has been forced to rely a lot on home-reared talent.

Having beaten them 2-1 away at Portman Road, we have high hopes of doing the League double over Ipswich.

But they are a hard-fighting, skilful side who never admit defeat until the final whistle.

I expect them to give us a hard game once again.

LIVERPOOL STAR FADES...

It's ironic that as a player slows up, he can often demonstrate his skills more easily. But football is a young man's game, and it's becoming increasingly more so.

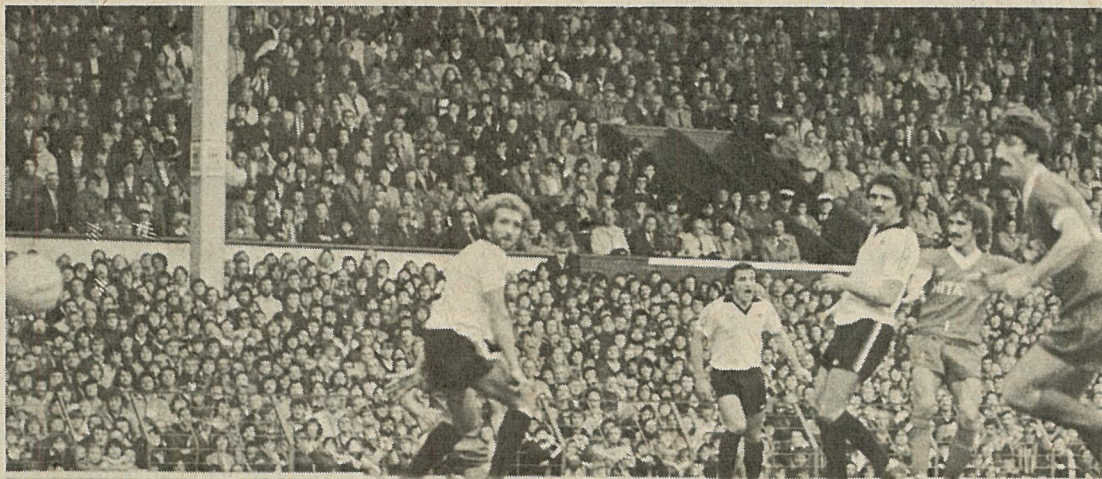
Some people tend to regard it as ruthless to suddenly discard a great Liverpool servant after many years of unstinting service. But there's little place for sentiment in a game where results count for so much. We are realists who know that we're paid to do a job. Once we're no longer capable of justifying our high wages and bonuses, we accept we must make way for someone else.

When the boss says: "Thanks for everything you've done — I'm sorry it's time for you to move on," there are no ill feelings. You never get former Liverpool stars who've had great careers with the club criticising it after they've left for a nice fat fee in the newspapers!

The clubs who can be called ruthless are those who buy a player for a big fee and because he doesn't immediately blend either discard him quickly or drop him permanently into the reserves.

Liverpool — as with Ray Kennedy and Terry McDermott — realise it

'Terry McDermott was given the time to win a place'



Terry McDermott and David Johnson (right) were both late developers at Anfield.

Ray Clemence

JOHN Charlton, 21-year-old son of Sheffield Wednesday manager, Jack Charlton, has joined Caledonian, in Tasmania, Australia, on a two-year contract.

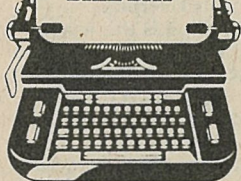
The 6ft. 2in., midfield player sacrificed a Wembley chance to enjoy the soccer and sunshine 'Down Under' with former Middlesbrough junior Ted Coleman.

Charlton and Coleman played their part in helping Guisborough Town, a Yorkshire team, reaching the last 16 in the FA Vase this season.

Charlton explained before he flew out from London: "With a guarantee of Wembley, we might have decided to stay. Ted and I want to see something of the world, though, and the offers were too good to turn down."

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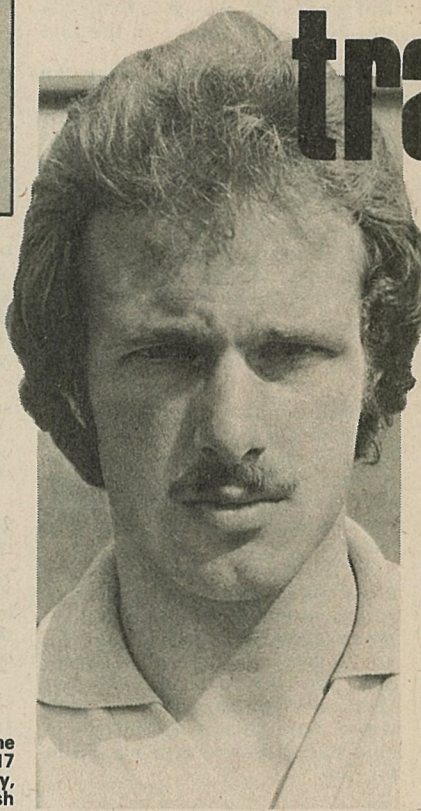
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THE Scottish League will play the League of Ireland in Dublin on March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) and not Sunday, 16th. The Scots will play the Irish League in Belfast on Tuesday, 18th.

Paul Dyson's transfer threat



PAUL Dyson, Coventry's goal-scoring hero against Liverpool, has made it clear to the Midland club's management that he will want a transfer if he is dropped to the reserve team.

The young defender's winner against the League Champions was the highlight of his short career at Highfield Road.

It capped a fine display by the Birmingham-born defender who is now keeping Jim Holton on the side-lines.

Only last season Dyson requested a transfer but no one came in for the promising defender.

Dyson, however, has made it plain that if he loses his place to Holton he will want to join a new club.



DARLINGTON RESCUE DOLE-MAN

KEVIN Caine (above) has sprung from the dole queue to a new career at Fourth Division Darlington.

The 18-year-old's break into the world of professional football came when he was unemployed. He was offered six months' work experience with Darlington under the Manpower Services Commission's youth opportunities scheme.

Now, after successfully completing the programme, Kevin has signed for the club as a professional.

'THERE ARE NO KEEPERS COMING THROUGH'—BANKS

GORDON Banks, arguably England's best-ever goalkeeper, is worried about the lack of promising young 'keepers around now.

He says: "Apart from Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton, the accepted top two, the situation is as bad as I can remember."

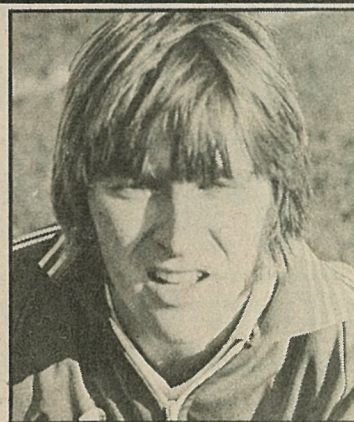
"Ron Greenwood is lucky to have Ray and Peter available. There is nothing to choose between them, as both have been models of consistency."

"Young Gary Bailey may come through, but I wouldn't say he was yet ready for the big step up to full international standard."

"It's the same with centre-halves. I can't see any challenging Dave Watson just yet," says Banks, now manager of Telford, who won 73 England caps before a car crash ended his career prematurely in the early 70's.

Many shrewd judges feel Manchester United's Gary Bailey, aged 21, is the third best goalkeeper after Clemence and Shilton.

His father, Roy, the former Ipswich goalkeeper, says: "Gary will be a millionaire by the time he's 32. He's prepared to work and has one ambition: to be the finest goalkeeper in the world."



JOHN Delamere (above), top scorer in the League of Ireland last season with 17 goals, has joined Limerick United. Delamere's move from struggling Shelbourne to the League leaders means that the Dublin club are now left with a completely amateur squad.

Villa star's Press ambitions

MOST football writers would abandon their typewriters tomorrow for an opportunity to pull on a Liverpool shirt, line-up alongside Joe Jordan in Manchester United's attack, or exchange one-tuos with Liam Brady in Arsenal's midfield.

It comes as some surprise to hear that Aston Villa's captain Dennis Mortimer wants to swap his football shirt for a Press photographer's camera when he retires.

He first became interested in photography when he played for Coventry. He took night school classes in photography at Nuneaton and soon graduated from a small camera to an expensive Japanese one.

WALKER'S BACK

LEN Walker, who made a record number of appearances as a player with Aldershot, has rejoined the club as a coach. Walker had a brief spell as manager of Darlington but was sacked after The Quakers had been re-elected to the Football League last year.

Walker claimed unfair dismissal and won a cash settlement at a Newcastle Industrial Tribunal in December.

SEVEN Ipswich players have been offered for transfer by Bobby Robson since the arrival of 18-year-old Millwall winger Kevin O'Callaghan.

CHRIS Pearce, an 18-year-old goalkeeper, badly wanted to play for his local team Newport County, but they didn't think he was good enough. So the former Welsh schoolboy and Youth player did the next best thing — he joined Blackburn Rovers. He also had a spell with Wolves and played for their reserve team.

DAVID Geddis, Aston Villa's £300,000 buy from Ipswich Town, scored his first goal for the Midland club in 15 games against Spurs and was then injured.

HAWICK Royal Albert, the East of Scotland League side from the border rugby stronghold are to install floodlights at their Albert Park ground.

Giles criticises 'outspoken' Atkinson

A MAN disappointed at West Bromwich Albion's disappointing League form this season is Johnny Giles, manager of the Republic of Ireland. Giles, who masterminded West Brom's return to the First Division in 1976, said: "I feel saddened by what has happened. I feel it should not have happened and I'm disappointed for my old mates, who gave me two of my best years in football."

Giles says: "Ron Atkinson is very extrovert and outspoken and perhaps overdid this a little in the initial stages when things were running smoothly. However, these qualities become liabilities when things aren't going well."

Some West Brom fans would argue that Atkinson is the best manager Albion have had since the War.

Miller's 'unwanted' claim

BILLY Miller's resignation after 15 years as Leatherhead's manager, shook non-League circles.

Miller had been with the Isthmian League club for 21 years. For before taking over as team-boss he spent six years as a player there.

He moulded Leatherhead into one of the most formidable teams outside the Football League and launched them on several exciting F.A. Cup runs.

Under Miller Leatherhead also reached the Final of the F.A. Trophy two years ago.

This is the first 'moderate' season The Tanners have had in Miller's reign — and it cost him his job.

"It was made clear to me that some members of the committee thought a change of manager might benefit the club. So I was off like a shot — I had no intention of hanging around where I was not wanted," said Post Office engineer Miller.

BLAIR'S TIPPED

BLAIR Miller, the Clydebank striker, is the hot favourite to land a £1,000 prize for the fastest goal to be scored in the Scottish Cup competition. He headed his side's goal in the Third Round 1-1 draw against Stirling Albion at Kilbowie Park in two minutes 30 seconds.

VALE of Leithen, the border club who play in the East of Scotland League, have received a full strip from an anonymous donor.

ONE 'title' Liverpool will surely win this season is that of winning the toss most times. In the first 17 home games of the season, Phil Thompson lost out only once, to Exeter City.

Thompson tosses the coin and lets the away captain call. Whenever the England defender wins — which is often! — he elects to defend The Kop end in the first-half as The Reds love to attack towards their most fanatical supporters after the break.



WIMBLEDON'S Ray Lewington married Ann Whittall in London this month. They have delayed their honeymoon so that Ray can help the club fight against relegation from the Third Division. He hopes to re-join Vancouver Whitecaps this summer.

IRISH DATES

THE Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland play their first games in the 1982 World Cup qualifying rounds on the same date. Eire travel to Cyprus and Northern Ireland are away to Israel, both on March 26th.

Eire's Group Two dates are:
1980 — March 26 v Cyprus (away); Sept 10 v Netherlands (home); Oct 15 v Belgium (home); Oct 28 v France (away); Nov 19 v Cyprus (away); 1981 — March 25 v Belgium (away); Sept 9 v Netherlands (away); Oct 14 v France (home).

Northern Ireland's Group Six dates:
1980 — March 26 v Israel (away); Oct 15 v Sweden (home); Nov 19 v Portugal (away); 1981 — March 29 v Scotland (away); April 29 v Portugal (home); June 3 v Sweden (away); Oct 14 v Scotland (home); Nov 18 v Israel (home).

ROSS County have set a Highland League signing record by paying £7,500 for Inverness Caley's striker Ray Macintosh. During the close season the Dingwall club signed Caley defender Peter Corbett for £4,500.

FORMER Chelsea player Jim Docherty is with his fourth club in just over a year. He moved from East Stirling to Stamford Bridge for £60,000 early last year. Four months ago he returned North to join Dundee United but has now joined Hearts. It's acting manager Alex Rennie's first signing and Tyne-castle fans are hoping that the scoring touch which took Docherty to England will return to help the Edinburgh side make sure of promotion once again to the Premier Division.

Briefly

HARRY Haslam's capacity for ferreting talent from under the noses of managers both at home and abroad is revealed again in his capture of Steven Charles.

Charles, a former Sheffield Boys player, was invited to train at Sheffield United by Haslam when he was on Christmas vacation from the University of Columbia, New York. Manager Haslam soon realised he had discovered an outstanding youngster and offered Charles a contract.

BERNIE Wright, Port Vale's Birmingham born striker, is available for transfer. Wright had two spells with Walsall, a few games for Everton, and joined Vale from Bradford City for £9,000 in 1978. He was voted Vale's Player of the Year after scoring 16 goals last season.

MICK Lawlor is the new assistant-manager of Dundalk. Lawlor, whose career has been plagued by injuries, hopes to continue playing. He replaces Frank O'Neill, who was sacked recently.

IT looks like third time lucky for 18-year-old midfielder Johnathan Watson. The Essex youngster failed to make it with Coventry and Crystal Palace, but is now happily settled in as a professional with Southend.

MIDFIELDER Francis Fitzgerald is a youngster who can clamour for both England and Ireland honours because of family connections.

The youngster, who signed professional for Bury in November, first came to prominence as a schoolboy player with Stockport Boys. He played for Nottingham Forest reserves when he was only 15.

GRAHAM Hawkins is Stoke City's new youth team coach. Hawkins, a former member of Blackburn's reserve team staff, played for Wolves, Preston and Port Vale.

FACTastic

SINCE 1946 to the end of last season only 20 players have appeared in goal for England in full internationals. Compare that figure with Scotland whose goalkeeping tally has reached a total of 33. Wales have had only 15 'keepers in that same period and Ireland least of the four countries — 14. Of course, it must be remembered that Wales and Ireland have not played so many internationals as England and Scotland, nor have Irish-born goalies had much chance of earning caps since a teenager named Pat Jennings made his international debut in 1964. Since then he has appeared in more than 80 games for his country, an all-time record for British 'keepers.

New Lives for Old Stars



PETER THOMPSON

AS a player, Peter Thompson's career spanned 569 League games and nearly 20 years. He did the rounds of quite a few Lancashire clubs; Preston, Liverpool and Bolton, but Blackpool were never on his list.

But now the former England winger is making a new career for himself along the famous coastline, for Thompson runs two thriving caravan sites not far from the Golden Mile.

It was a business which he first became interested in a few years ago, although in his heyday at Liverpool he switched his attention to a nearby garage for a while.

"It is a much easier way of life than football. But then anything must be easier than Bill Shankly's training sessions," he quips.

"I don't miss the game as much as I thought I would when I called it a day in March, 1978, and nowadays have become almost exclusively an armchair spectator."

Thompson's career as a winger started at Preston, but it was at Anfield that he tasted his greatest glories. The first of 16 full England caps came in 1964 against Portugal, the last against Holland in 1970.

In between he won an F.A. Cup winners' medal against Leeds in 1965, League Championship medals in 1964 and 1966 and a host of other top honours.

In 1972 he moved to Bolton, where he completed a long and distinguished career. "It is good to be away from the pressures of the game, and it is a nice feeling of independence being your own boss."

"But I'll always be in love with the game, and Liverpool."

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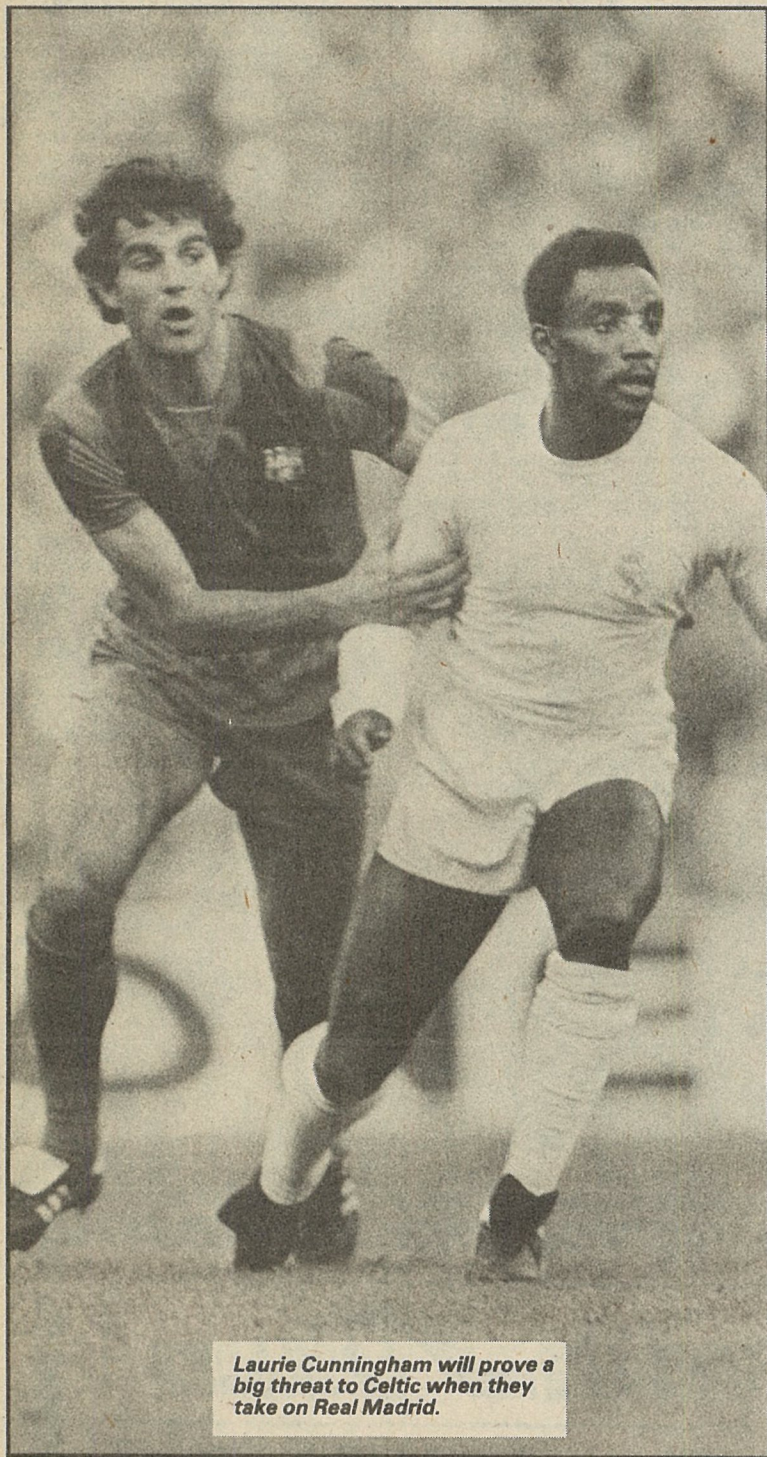
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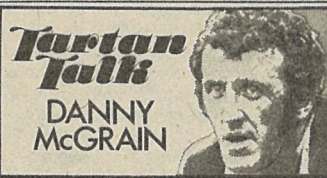


Laurie Cunningham will prove a big threat to Celtic when they take on Real Madrid.

A ROYAL occasion... that is the only way to describe the Quarter-Final draw of the European Cup which paired us with the one-time invincible masters of that tournament, Real Madrid.

'Real' in Spanish means royal and if we can defeat the Spaniards over the two legs we will be right on course to become kings of Europe.

The games, to be played on March 5 and 19 with the first in Glasgow, are really a dream come true. For two or three days after the draw was made Parkhead was really buzzing with excitement.



We really could not have wished for anything better and reaction from the public can be measured by the fact that people were asking me for tickets for what is certain to be a 67,000 sell-out at Celtic Park, just hours after the draw was made in Rome.

Of course after the first few days we realised that we had to put it out of our heads and get on with the jobs at hand on the domestic front.

However, to be honest, I don't mind dedicating my Tartan Talk column to a little chat on one of the most exciting club matches to hit Scotland for years.

I sincerely hope that people will not be disappointed in Real Madrid.

We must remember that not they — nor perhaps any other club in the world — will ever be as good as those immortals who won the first five European Cups. There is no di Stefano now, no Puskas.

They are still a great team, but I think we can take them. I am positive we will get a good result at Parkhead, but we are under no illusion about how difficult it will be in the magnificent Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.

There will be 120,000 fevered fans there, most of them Spaniards, but don't worry, our magnificent green and white army — thousands of them — will make the trip by air, car and ferry to lend some vocal support.

Real are there for the beating

and, to be frank, the draw could hardly have suited us better.

I believe Hamburg are a better side and although they would have been as big a draw, I fancy our chances more against Real. And if we do go through, well that's us in the Semis and anything can happen.

And with the experience of a two-leg victory over Real behind us, I would then back us against anyone... Forest, Ajax, Hamburg — whoever.

The one thing manager Billy McNeill won't have to do is motivate us. Facing men like Cunningham, Santillana and Stielike is one thing, but the name Real Madrid is another.

So, if I think they are so good, well might you ask why I think we have a case at all. Admittedly, we are not the complete article yet, but Celtic have something going and are gaining in experience with every match.

Amazing

A year ago all of this would never have seemed possible, but since then the most amazing things have happened. Celtic are once again a club going places.

And what of the fact that we are playing the first match at home? Well, you can argue for ever on that one and while I admit that we might have liked to go to Madrid first, it really doesn't make all that much difference.

And I promise no team will try harder to further the British football challenge in Europe.

But I have just one final prayer and that is that there should be no repeat of the last time Celtic played a Madrid side... in the Semi-Final of the 1973-74 European Cup. The Spaniards of Atlético declared all out war at Parkhead, drew 0-0 and then beat us 2-0 in the second-leg.

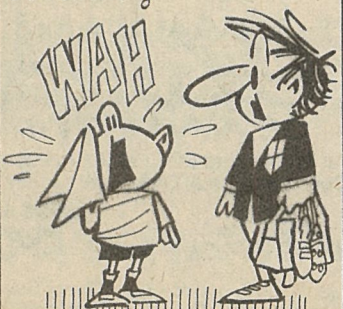
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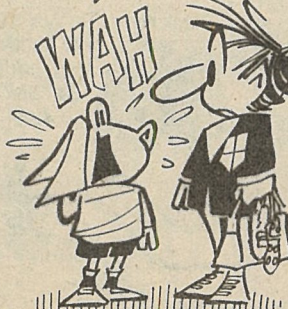
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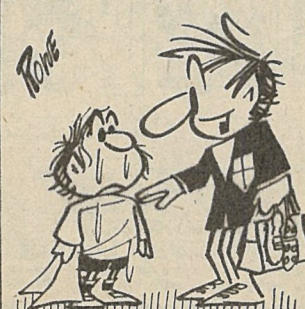
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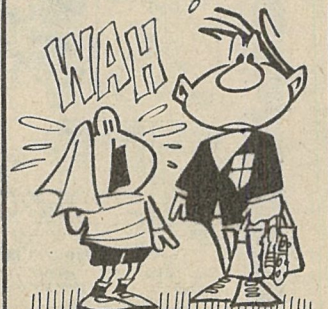
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FINDING the right formula for success in Second Division football can be harder than in the First. That is the claim of West Ham and England goalkeeper Phil Parkes, the man whom The Hammers hope will help them to promotion by the end of this season.

Parkes, out of the limelight for a while since his record-breaking £565,000 transfer from Q.P.R. last February, admits he misses top-class football. "I enjoy the glamour," he says, "and I'd love to get back there for next season."

"In the First Division, you don't need any motivation when you go to grounds like Anfield or Old Trafford. Just turning up there lifts you, gets the adrenalin going and boosts your standing. But in the Second, it's very different."

"Going to places like Shrewsbury and Oldham presents big problems. You have to motivate yourself and that isn't always easy, even for professional players. That is where life is so tough in this Division. Finding the right formula

'LITTLE SIDES PRESENT BIG PROBLEMS'

says West Ham's Phil Parkes

for successful visits to the unfashionable clubs is the key to it all. And that is possibly where we have slipped up."

West Ham are undoubtedly a side for the big occasion. A club with a recent history which includes two F.A. Cup triumphs in the last 15 years, two appearances in Cup-Winners' Cup Finals plus world-class stars like Moore, Peters, Hurst and Brooking, makes a club think of the big time.

But now they are struggling to gain promotion after one season of failure already and Parkes points firmly to defeats at Shrewsbury

and Charlton earlier in the season.

"We are a side that likes to play football all the time. But at some grounds you just need to battle and sometimes we ignore that basic rule."

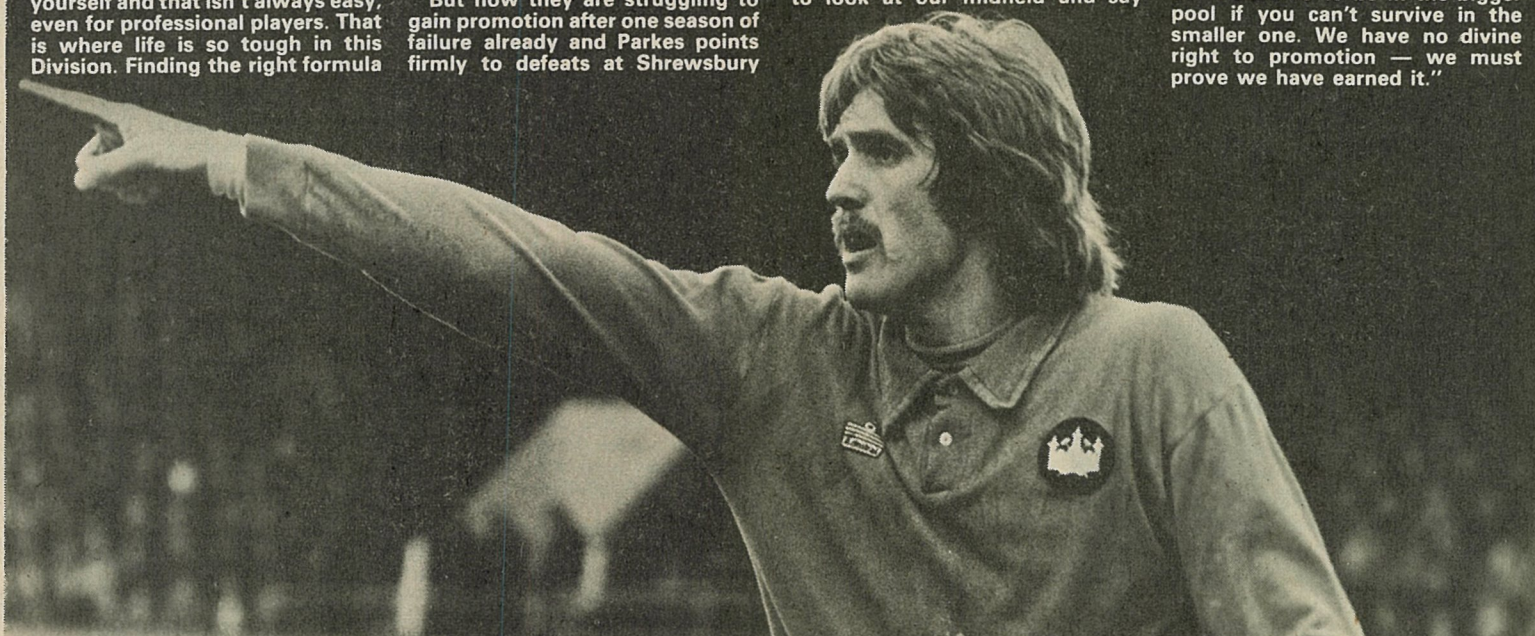
Yet Parkes remains confident West Ham still have a First Division future, and singles out one young man who could help them to restore their status.

"Paul Allen has given us a great deal," says Parkes. "People tended to look at our midfield and say

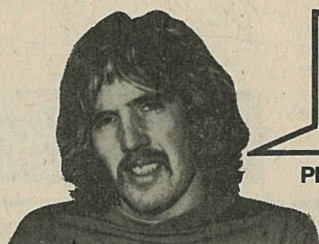
how strong we were. Brooking and Devonshire are superb players, especially going forward, but we badly needed a midfield player who was strong defending. Paul has come in and done that job ever so well and he has provided exactly the sort of balance we needed in the middle of the side."

"We belong in the First Division. There is no comparison. In Division Two, the sides seem to be split into two categories. The sides around the top are quite impressive. There is nothing wrong with teams like Newcastle, Sunderland, Q.P.R. and Chelsea. But at the other end of the table, so many sides just seem happy to survive. They don't want to go up or down, just stay where they are."

"I suppose the lesson is clear — before you can get back among the big boys, you have to prove you can beat the smaller fish. You don't deserve to be in the bigger pool if you can't survive in the smaller one. We have no divine right to promotion — we must prove we have earned it."



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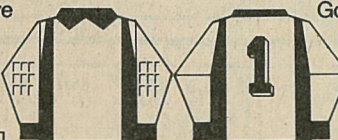


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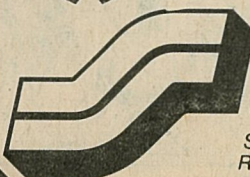
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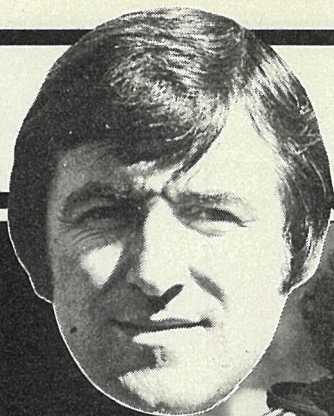


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I become rather irritated these days when the England team is criticised for lacking flair.

So if I'm disturbed by the suggestion that we are short on some of the qualities which lift fans to the edge of their seats, what must Ron Greenwood feel?

The truth is that it's a preposterous suggestion put about by some people who should know better.

Johnny Giles, the Republic of Ireland manager, was a little ill-advised to make disparaging pre-match remarks about England before the European Championship game at Wembley.

He accused England of lacking real flair and argued the merits of Liam Brady as a better player than Kevin Keegan, the European Footballer of the Year.

I have no time for comparisons. Someone once said: "Compari-

Keegan is fast, energetic, always looking for a goal — and often scoring them. His second goal at Wembley was a tribute to his qualities of control, pace and perception.

Brady is great. Keegan is great. Both are a fine advert for British football.

If England's team lacks flair, I'm going blind. Ron has employed a large turnover of players in his time as manager yet every player he has introduced has been chosen on the basis of his polished per-



Johnny Giles, the Republic of Ireland international manager.

tion. The defence is superb. Watson and Thompson must be two of the best central defenders in Europe and when Watson moves forward he shows the skill of a midfield man.

Neal, Cherry, Mills, Sansom, Anderson — you will go a long way to find better full-backs. Steve Heighway is one of the most difficult wingers to mark but Kenny Sansom played him superbly at Wembley despite lack of match practice through injury.

The creative skills of Brooking, Hoddle and Wilkins give England many options in midfield. All three were missing in England's destruction of the Irish.

Bryan Robson acquitted himself well in his first international. He seems to relish the challenge of international football and no doubt will be brought on with the same

'Giles wrong about England'

sons are odious". The fact is that Brady and Keegan are two gifted, very separate individual players.

Brady operates in an entirely different role to that of Keegan. He is graceful on the ball with a deceptive and deadly change of pace, and his left foot is one of the sweetest in the game.

formances. You won't find any kick-and-rush merchants in this England team.

England go to the European Championship Finals with the best record of any of the qualifying countries. Why knock them?

It will take a mighty good side to put England out of the competi-

care Ron has adopted in baptising Sansom and Hoddle.

England's attacking strength speaks for itself. They have scored 22 goals in eight European Championship Group One matches, nine more than Denmark their closest challengers in terms of goals.

Francis, Woodcock, Johnson, Coppell — they are a soft touch for no one.

Yes, it will take a mighty good side to defeat this skilful England team which is full of flair.

Tony Woodcock (white shirt) has not lost any of his attacking flair since moving from Nottingham Forest to West German club FC Cologne.



KID JENSEN

a hit with Q.P.R.

"HEY, that was really something," smiled top Radio One disc jockey Kid Jensen. "I'll remember this morning for a long time to come."

Kid had accepted an invitation to train with his Q.P.R. heroes — and had the time of his life!

David McCreery, Gordon Hill, Bob Hazell and Tony Currie had all given him expert advice. And when the really hard work started, Kid came through the running and exercise routines in fine style, under the watchful eye of Rangers assistant-manager Ken Shellito.

"I'll be a different player the next time we have a Radio One match," Kid grinned. "My team-mates won't recognise me!"

In Kid's own words, he plays football: "With more enthusiasm than skill". That's not surprising. He was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada, where the top sport is ice hockey.

"I was really keen on ice hockey and the top Canadian stars were

my heroes, when I was a boy. But when I came to Europe, to join Radio Luxembourg, a friend took me to see Rangers play, and I've been hooked ever since.

"I liked the atmosphere at Loftus Road right from the start. It's a very friendly club and the team were playing exciting football. It was a good time to start following Rangers because that season, 1972-73, we won promotion to Division One."

Kid's shared the glory days with Rangers, but like all true supporters, he's also tasted the bitterness of the Saturday Night "we got thumped today" blues!

"There were some really miserable Saturday afternoons last season. Dark and rainy, with the players ploughing through the mud, in front of a few thousand spectators. I felt like going to watch another London side sometimes, but I couldn't do it. I didn't want to feel like a traitor.

"If you support a team, you've



got to stick with them, even when the going's tough. Managers may leave, players and directors may leave, but fans go on for ever!"

This season, of course, Kid is more likely to leave the Rangers stadium with a smile on his face.

"The atmosphere is so much better now. Tommy Docherty's done a fantastic job. The fans believe in their team again. They'll cheer them on, even when they're two goal's behind. That's a healthy sign.

"On paper, I believe we've got the best team in the Second Division. If we win promotion this season, I'm confident we can go on to do really well in Division One."

Kid paused, then laughed: "It's funny the way supporters always talk about their teams as 'we'. Still, I became a shareholder last year, so maybe that gives me the right! I certainly live through every minute of a match with the players. If we're not doing well, it's agony. When we score, I go berserk ... all that pent-up emotion comes flooding out!"

'Tremendous'

"We've had some great times with the Radio One team. We played a charity match at Wembley once. It was before a Schoolboy International and there were 60,000 people there. It was like a fantasy world; a tremendous experience.

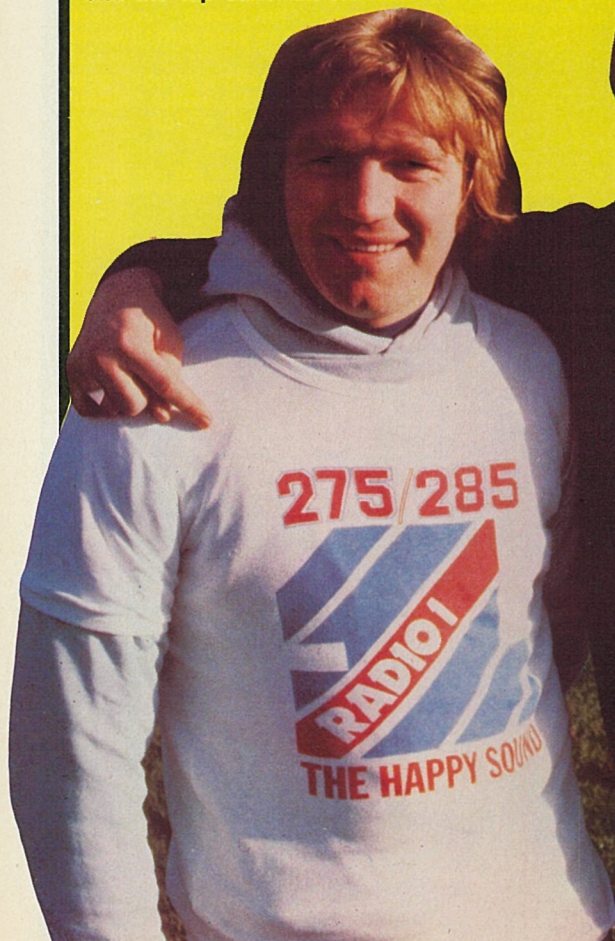
"But my happiest memory is of scoring in front of 19,000 fans at Roker Park. I got the ball on the edge of the area and hit it first time into the corner of the net. There was a lot of luck involved, but it was a great feeling. I got so excited, I knocked into my pal, Paul Burnett, and ran right over him."

Now, after all that expert Q.P.R. coaching, Kid could emerge as the superstar of the Radio One squad.

"At one time, I used to fly over from Luxembourg just to see Rangers play," said Kid, summing up a great day. "Now, I've had the chance to train with THE team ... and it certainly was a thrill!"

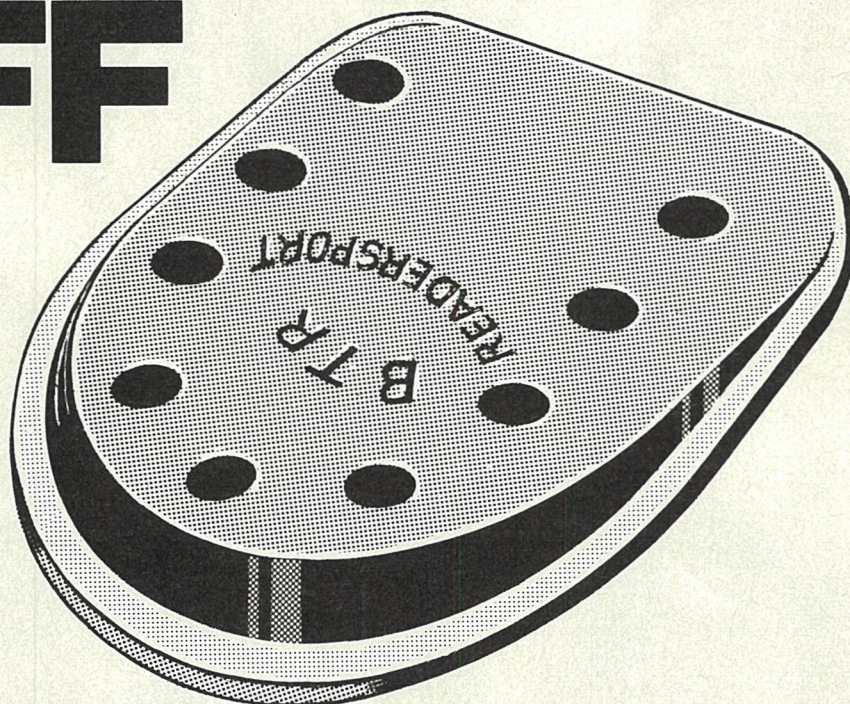


Kid Jensen and Tony Currie swap strips! The Radio One D.J. is seen having a great time training with Rangers ... exercising with Bob Hazell, giving David McCreery a piggy-back and sprinting with Gordon Hill.



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In 18 previous trips to Liverpool Ipswich have managed only four draws. They've lost the other 14, conceding 53 goals and scored only 19 themselves. So it would be fair to say the odds are stacked against them.

But psychologists Will Davies and John Gardner are now part of the Ipswich 'team' and although they won't be lining up against The Reds, they are confident they can play their part in giving the Suffolk club their breakthrough at Anfield.

The pair originally approached Ipswich last year and Town boss Bobby Robson agreed to let them observe the way his players prepared for games, study their training routines and sit in on his dressing room team talks. They compiled a report but when Ipswich enjoyed a run of just two defeats in their final 23 League games of last season it didn't seem they were in need of any external aid.

When Ipswich struggled at the beginning of this season — they were bottom of the League in October — Bobby Robson agreed to their return. And, amazingly enough, the good times were soon back at Portman Road.

Davies and Gardner sat in on preparations for the visit of Manchester City, a game Ipswich

Paul Mariner (left) looks to lead Ipswich to victory against Alan Kennedy (right) and Liverpool at Anfield.



IPSWICH BELIEVE THEY CAN WIN AT LIVERPOOL

won convincingly by 4-0. And take a look at the First Division table right now and you'll see how the East Anglians' fortunes have soared since then.

Manager Robson said: "Will and John would be the first to admit that they have not been solely responsible for the way we have turned the corner but I am intrigued by the link between psychology and football. My attitude when they approached me was that as far as I was aware this had never been tried before and I was keen to give it a go.

"We co-operated all the way, we didn't change our planning just because they were about and I found their original report very interesting. They made a number of suggestions, some of which we acted upon, but I hope no one thinks it was psychology, instead of our football, that brought about the improvement."

Ipswich were the ideal club for Davies and Gardner for two reasons. First, they wanted to study a successful club and secondly, they noticed that success was achieved in spite of the fact that Ipswich are a relatively small club by First Division standards.

They wondered whether psychological theory might have something to contribute to the running of a top club and also offer

some explanation for the wide variation in Ipswich performances.

Among their ideas was a suggestion that players should have more say, collectively, about training, tactics and team selection although they stressed that the manager's decision should also be final. They also proposed more use of video recordings showing Ipswich and opponents in action; recorded music in the dressing room for ten minutes before the kick-off and more stirring music on the PA system before home games; and a warm-up session on the pitch 30 minutes before away games.

A great deal of their time was spent in group discussions and Ipswich skipper Mick Mills said: "Once Will and John had formed an overall impression of the club and how it operated they began to concentrate on specific games. Before long we began talking about Liverpool. I was honest enough to admit that perhaps I had a defeatist attitude about Anfield in as much that I never really looked forward to going there or expected to win.

"When Ipswich got back into the First Division ten years ago we always seemed to be heavily beaten at Liverpool and it was a struggle to avoid relegation. I felt like a boxer who got knocked out every time he stepped in the ring

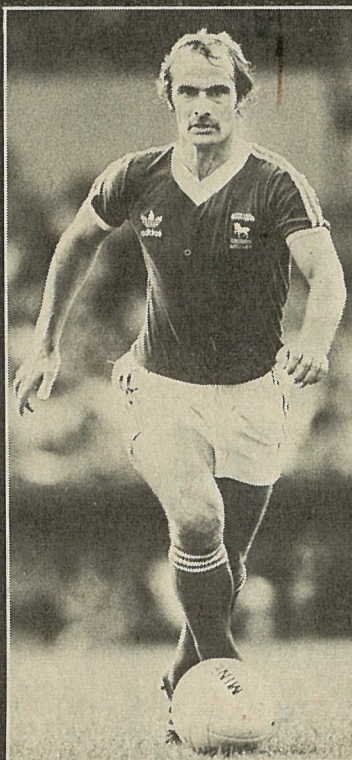
because I was on the receiving end of some terrible hammerings.

"The enjoyment used to end when the kickabout finished. It was back to the wall for the entire 90 minutes. Things have improved in the last few years, of course, and on at least a couple of occasions we have given them a real run for their money. Now I honestly believe we have our best-ever chance of picking up both points at Anfield."

Mills rejected the idea put forward by the psychologists that perhaps he should drop himself from the Ipswich side on Saturday, explaining: "I would only do that if I could be sure that the player replacing me would in no way be affected by the atmosphere and would therefore have more to offer than myself.

"But I think a lot of good will has come from the free discussions. We have opened the doors to the psychologists and I am pleased to be the captain of a club forward-thinking enough to consider this aspect. I expect a lot of people will wonder what the game is coming to but the mental approach is something that has been discussed for a long time. How else could we decide whether psychology has a part to play in football if we did not give them a chance?"

So Ipswich go to Anfield hoping to upset the odds — and if they succeed their "secret weapons" in the stand will certainly enjoy it as much as any of the team!



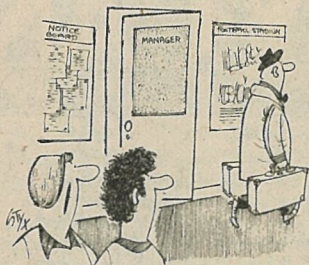
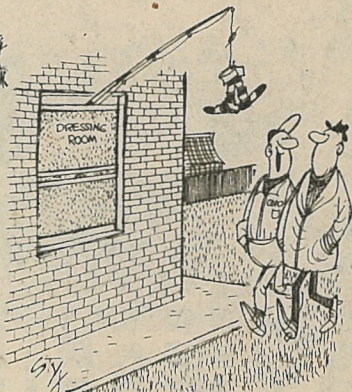
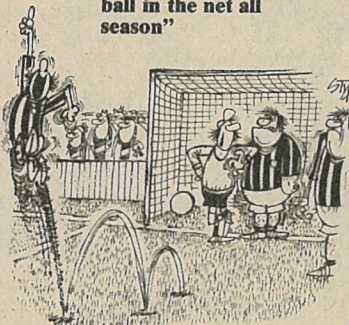
Mick Mills, inspired by psychologists for future success.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

This week Norwich City striker Justin Fashanu selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

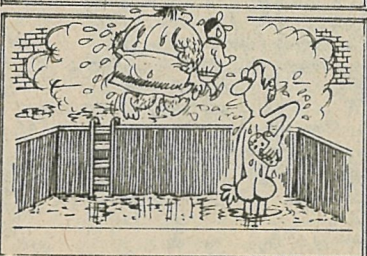
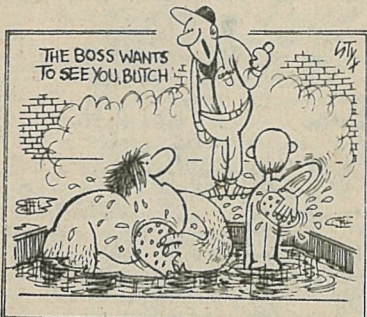


"Don't be too hard on him, chaps — first time he's put the ball in the net all season"

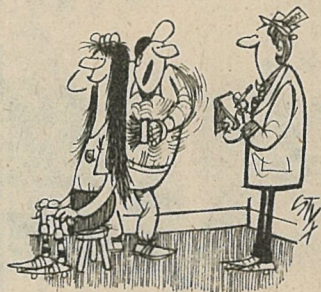


"Must be some kind of record. Been manager five minutes and he's got the sack"

"I found out the reason why ten of the first team kept asking for transfers, boss"



"And what's more, if you went down on your bended knees for me to withdraw my transfer request, mate, I'd tell you where to go"



"Yes — we stress great importance here on the careful grooming of our young players"

NOTTINGHAM Forest have again proved British is best. Well, at least as far as football is concerned. — As you know we recently won the Super Cup after beating Barcelona 2-1 on aggregate to become the undisputed Champions of Europe. Unfortunately, the excitement and build-up of England's European Championship tie against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley relegated Press coverage to the inside sports pages.

It's a shame our triumph against the European Cup-Winners' Cup holders didn't receive the acclaim it deserved.

In fact, one person I spoke to last week hadn't even heard of the Super Cup.

Many feel this is a meaningless fixture in an already overcrowded League programme. Of course, I don't agree.

How often do clubs get the opportunity of playing against top class opposition like Barcelona, with a magnificent trophy at stake and the additional bonus of a few days in the sunshine?

Apart from the match Forest accepted an invitation to attend the Espanol v. Malaga Spanish League match on the Sunday.

It was terrible, we all wanted to leave after 15 minutes. Perhaps we caught Espanol, who'd beaten neighbours Barcelona the week before, on a bad day, but the overall standard was lower than our Third Division. The result was a draw . . . not that anyone really cared.

Our Super Cup-tie a couple of

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days later in the magnificent Nou Camp stadium proved costly.

Trevor Francis was the victim of a vicious over the top tackle and limped off to have six stitches inserted into an ankle ligament injury.

This caused him to miss the second leg of our League Cup Semi-Final tie at Liverpool on Tuesday, February 12th.

Yet even without Trevor and the Cup-tied Stan Bowles, we still managed a 1-1 draw to go through on a 2-1 aggregate to our third successive League Cup Final.

Even though we needed a penalty we deserved our success. Poor Ray Clemence again conceded the spot-kick, and I don't know how John Robertson kept his cool to score.

Another casualty in Barcelona was me. Because of a booking five minutes from time I will now be suspended, along with Larry Lloyd, for the first-leg of our European Cup-tie with Dynamo Berlin at the City Ground on March 5th.

Honestly, it was a ridiculous deci-

sion by German referee Weiller and brought a protest from Brian Clough, who is not usually so quick to jump to a player's defence after disciplinary action.

I got the yellow card for allegedly time wasting when all I did was to pick up the ball believing Forest had been awarded a throw-in.

As I was also booked during Forest's First Round European Cup-tie my suspension under a U.E.F.A. ruling is automatic.

Delighted

Naturally I was sick because I was delighted with my performance in Barcelona . . . probably my best game for ages.

Charlie George celebrated his return to European football with the goal which gave Forest a narrow advantage from our first-leg at the City Ground.

A tremendous equaliser by Kenny Burns, after Barcelona had gone ahead with a penalty from Carlos Roberto, their new Brazilian sign-

ing, before a 90,000 crowd in the return gave Forest a 2-1 winning aggregate.

John Robertson took a corner on the left. A quick header forward by Larry Lloyd gave Kenny Burns the chance to head past 'keeper Pedro Artola.

No complaints about Barcelona's goal which came in the 28th minute when Frankie Gray brought down Danish international and former European Footballer of the Year Allan Simonsen in the area.

The second-half started sensationally when Forest were themselves awarded a penalty after Olmo had brought down Stan Bowles.

Robbo took the kick well enough, but Artola pulled off an incredible save to prevent him converting his eighth penalty of the season.

Despite that miss Forest were never seriously troubled and continued to look the better side until the end.

But the drama in Spain wasn't over for Forest. Our flight skidded to a halt on the runway at Barcelona

airport. Nothing wrong with the aircraft. Apparently the radar failed and they lost contact with the control tower.

Anyway we were stuck on the tarmac for two hours but arrived home just in time to see England's match at Wembley on the telly.

Because of the Super Cup none of the Forest lads were considered for the Eire match by Ron Greenwood.

Obviously I was disappointed because I felt I stood a great chance of playing, along with Peter Shilton (it was his turn) and Trevor Francis.

As it turned out England didn't need us. From what I saw Ireland's defensive strategy made it difficult for our lads to really shine.

But we won on a night that was a personal triumph for my mate Kevin Keegan.

As he said afterwards a team not playing at it's best yet still winning is the mark of a great side.

I also think England proved something else against Eire — we now have a fine squad and football at

'GLORY FOR FOREST- BUT AT A PRICE'

Trevor Francis (light strip) shoots in the first-leg of the Super Cup against Barcelona, but it was Kenny Burns (above left) who scored the vital goal in the return to clinch the trophy for Forest.



international level is no longer an 11-a-side affair.

The team, forced to include new faces like Dave Johnson, didn't play like a load of strangers.

This strength and the fine team spirit among the lads will make England a force to be reckoned with in Italy this summer.

Now just a mention of the Brian Clough situation.

It's not my business if he leaves Forest. Obviously whatever I say will have no influence on him one way or the other. But I hope the boss stays at the City Ground.

Under his guidance Forest have gained every honour we've gone for save the F.A. Cup . . . and we'll put that right next season if he's still in charge.

Finally our match this Saturday (February 23rd) at home to Manchester City.

They beat us 1-0 at Maine Road earlier in the season, but have slumped alarmingly since then.

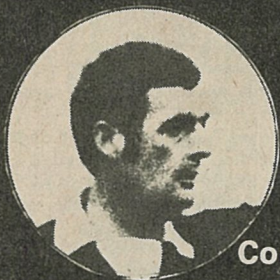
The side seem all at sixes and sevens at the moment. I can see no one really knows what role he's supposed to be playing.

Not for me to criticise Malcolm Allison, but I do know all is not right at City.

Still I'll be doing my best along with the other lads at Forest to add to Big Mal's problems this weekend.

See you all . . .

Kevin Keegan

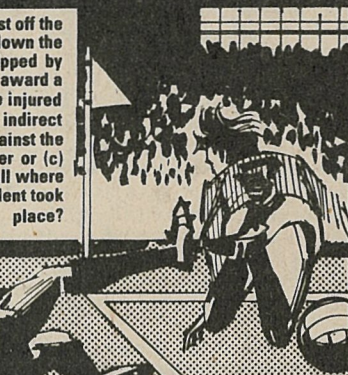
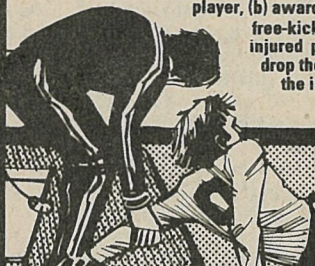


YOU ARE THE REF

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1

A player is receiving treatment just off the pitch when an opponent runs down the touch-line and is deliberately tripped by the injured player. Should you (a) award a direct free-kick against the injured player, (b) award an indirect free-kick against the injured player or (c) drop the ball where the incident took place?



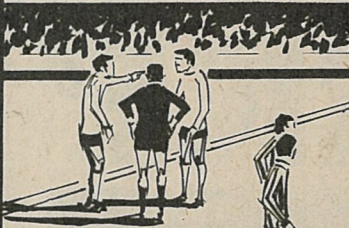
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Is a forward allowed to shoulder charge a goalkeeper who is holding the ball in the goal-area?



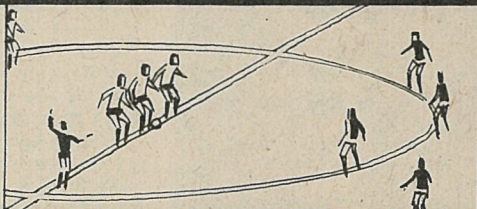
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A captain asks you to send off one of his team-mates so that he can be substituted. Should you issue such instructions?



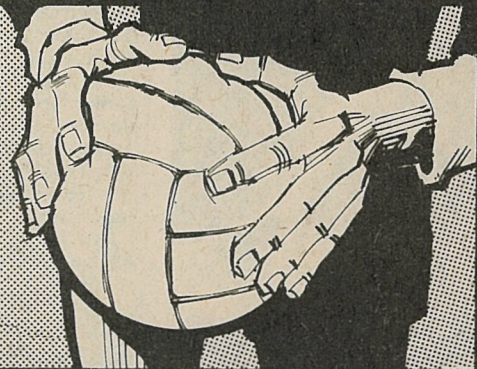
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Just prior to the kick-off, you notice a player whom you know is currently under suspension. Can you order him off therefore stopping him from playing?



5

The match ball, which is brown, bursts. The only available replacement is a white one. Should you continue with this ball?



ANSWERS

1. Award a direct free-kick against the injured player (a). 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. No. 5. Yes. Usually under floodlights we use a white ball. At West Ham v Cambridge recently I went out with a white ball, but after tossing the coin with the two captains it started to snow. I held the game up for a few minutes to change the football to a brown one. West Ham also had another brown ball as a reserve.

STOKOE'S UNIQUE RECORD

WHEN Bob Stokoe took over as manager of Rochdale last November, he created a unique record.

"This is the third club where I've been manager twice," he says. "The other two were Bury and Blackpool. From that I can only assume that I must have done fairly well the first time. It's my ninth different managerial position in a career spanning nearly 20 years. I enjoy it, but your playing days are the best. I'd give my right arm to be playing again."

Stokoe's return to Spotland came after former boss Doug Collins was relieved from the job. "They were looking for someone experienced," he says, "We had a chat and that was it."

Now Bob's main task at Spotland is to make certain that Rochdale don't have to apply for re-election.

"In this area Southport, Barrow and Accrington have all lost their League status, and I don't want to be manager of Rochdale if it happens to them. I've got to do everything humanly possible to make sure that we don't go the same way."

"I accept the fact there isn't any money available to buy new players, so I haven't any chance of rebuilding the side. I can possibly reshape it by using the players who are here."

Stokoe hit the headlines recently when he fined the entire team for lack of effort, a decision which has brought opposition from the P.F.A.

"We've got to keep battling, and nobody can afford to take it easy."

We've been down to 12 fit men on one or two occasions this season. We've had two or three long term injuries and three or four players under suspension. So regardless of these kinds of things, I've just got to get on with the job in hand.

"Fortunately I've a good right hand man in Peter Madden. He was manager at Darlington and is very experienced at this level."

Stokoe, 49, is a man with a certain charisma that belongs exclusively to the former Newcastle and Bury centre-half. "When people talk about a secret, I don't know what they mean," he says. "I've always felt that I've had a fairly good relationship with players — except for the odd ones who don't want to conform to any sort of standard."

'Honestly'

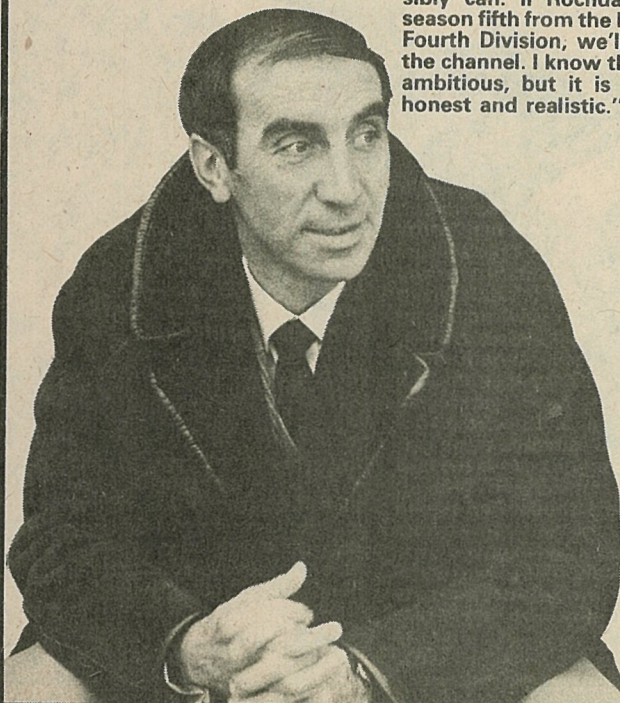
"I've always worked honestly with them and tried to help them to better themselves, to make them realise what the game's all about and what they are playing for."

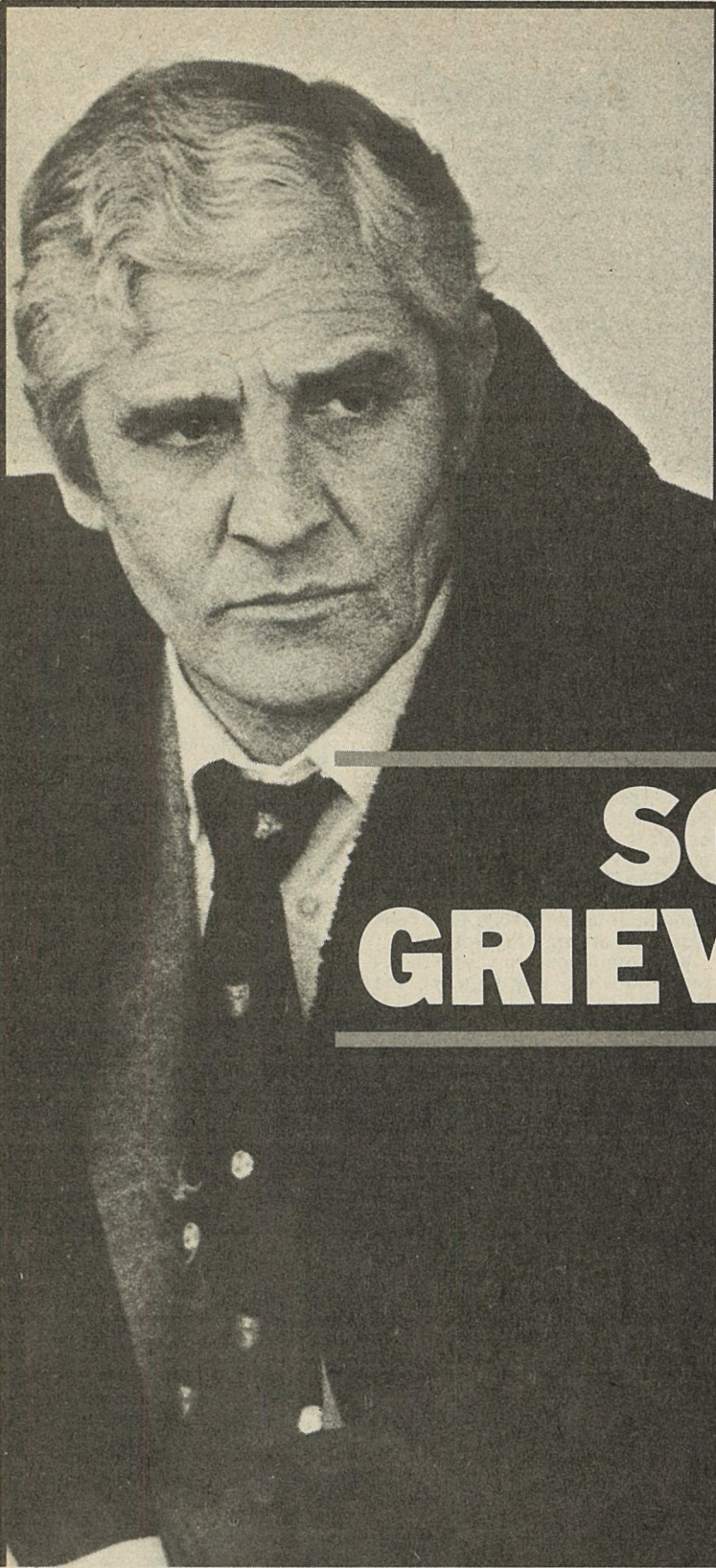
"I never feel that I'm better than the players or bigger than the club. I like to feel that I'm one of them, an integral part of the set up."

"Obviously, everyone wants to be in the First Division or at the better clubs, but I'm happy at Rochdale. They're a smashing bunch of people to work for at Spotland."

"I never get carried away. Making predictions in football is the worst thing you can do."

"I'll put my heart and soul into the job and do everything I possibly can. If Rochdale finish the season fifth from the bottom of the Fourth Division, we'll have swum the channel. I know that's not very ambitious, but it is being totally honest and realistic."





PLAYERS and managers throughout the soccer world were shocked and saddened by the recent sacking of Bolton manager Ian Greaves, but nowhere was his departure mourned more than at Burnden Park.

Goalkeeper Jim McDonagh summed up the feelings of the Bolton players when he said: "The dressing room was like a morgue when the news broke. We were all terribly upset. Ian was such a gentleman, and really popular with all the lads at the club."

The axe for Greaves, 45, fell 48 hours after Bolton's Fourth Round F.A. Cup victory over Halifax Town and just minutes before the club were given a glamour Fifth Round home tie against the holders Arsenal.

"I suppose in football your job's never safe, is it? It goes from game to game," continued McDonagh. "But he put Bolton into the First Division, which was a fantastic achievement considering the size of the town and the club. On a small budget, he made Bolton a great club and a proud name again. He put us on the map and he got us playing attractive football."

"When Ian left, we had managed

immediately appointed team boss. He picked George Mulhall, a former manager at Halifax, as his second in command.

At the end of the season Bolton finished in a mid-table position in the Second Division with 42 points.

The following campaign things began to happen. It was like old times again when Bolton entertained Newcastle in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup. A 47,000 gate packed into Burnden Park to witness a thrilling 3-3 draw.

The replay at St. James' Park again attracted a huge crowd. The game ended 0-0, making Bolton the first team that season to leave Newcastle with a clean sheet.

The third meeting of the two clubs was at Elland Road and Bolton finally reached the end of their brilliant Cup run when they were narrowly beaten 2-1. In all, 139,245 people had watched the games.

Yet after looking promotion certainties for much of the season the side finished in fourth place.

In season 1976-77 Wanderers again embarked on another promotion run, but once more failed at the final hurdle. They collected 51 points — one fewer

SOCCER GRIEVES FOR IAN

only one win in the League and 11 points from 24 matches. We're stranded at the bottom, but it's not his fault. The players haven't been playing well and Ian Greaves has taken the blame.

"I don't think it was a case of too many old legs in the side. When you're in a bad position you need experience. You can only bring kids into a side that's doing well. If you put them into a struggling team they lose confidence. I think Ian had got the right blend, but the results just weren't going for us."

"Loyalty in football counts for nothing. He could have gone to Sunderland, Arsenal or Newcastle, but he stayed at Bolton."

Greaves arrived at Burnden Park at the start of the 1974-75 season as assistant to Jimmy Armfield. When Armfield left for Leeds in October, 1974, Greaves was

than Nottingham Forest who finished in third place.

That season Bolton also reached the Semi-Finals of the League Cup.

The following term proved third time lucky for Bolton. They ran out Champions of the Second Division and after 14 years in the wilderness Wanderers were back in the top flight.

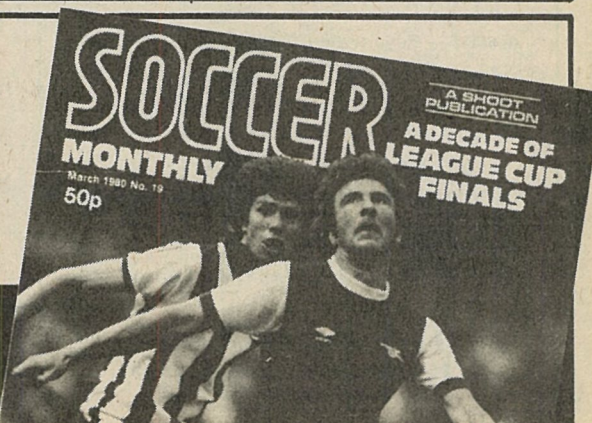
Season 1978-79 saw the club finish in 17th spot and hopes of better things to come were in evidence.

Sadly, this season, nothing has gone right and the paying supporters at Burnden Park who chanted "Greaves Out, Greaves Out" finally got their wish.

Realistically, we suppose Bolton chairman George Warburton had to do something to revive a club destined for relegation, but soccer grieved the day they sacked Ian.

Jock Stein admits that Spain '82 was always his major target . . . The fascinating qualities of Arsenal's Frank Stapleton . . . Garth Crooks's preference to scoring goals . . . Mick Robinson talks about his progress at Manchester City . . . Alan Hansen is baffled by success with Liverpool and struggles for Scotland . . . Why Hull handed their future to Mike Smith . . . Crystal Palace's colourful club history . . . Peter Withe's bid to join the Newcastle immortals . . . A decade of League Cup Finals in brilliant colour . . .

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This week's Star Letter comes from Manfred Nan of Beverwijk in Holland, who wins one of our special T-shirts. He writes:

PUTTING THE BOOT IN!

★ I read that English football isn't what it was, but I see it regularly on T.V. and the game is nearly always exciting.

One aspect does surprise me, though, and that is the way apprentice players are treated. I play for Telstar in Holland in the English equivalent of the Second Division. We've had a couple of lesser-known English players on our books and I was amazed to hear from them that in England youngsters are expected to clean boots.

Does this really happen? If so, I believe it is a reason why English soccer is so popular. The public can identify themselves with the players because they were 'labourers'.

From my point of view, I could never accept cleaning someone else's boots and I'm surprised no one grumbles about it.

P.S.: I hope the European Championship Final will be England/Holland ... with clean boots.

● Very few apprentices have to carry out such tasks these days. Most clubs have trainers and others employed to look after all the kit. I could think of thousands of young players who would love to clean Kevin Keegan's boots, though!

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Too quick

I WAS disgusted to hear about the sacking of Bolton Wanderers' manager Ian Greaves. He was the most loyal man in the League and took Bolton into the First Division. Too many clubs dismiss managers quickly and there are many instances where faith has paid off.

ADAM FLINN, LARNE.

● No one would doubt Ian's character, but the sad fact was that Bolton hadn't won a League game since August and were odds-on for relegation. Under these circumstances the sack is almost inevitable.

Rule abused?

I NOTICED that half the Republic of Ireland team that played England were actually born in England, the players qualifying under the parentage ruling.

Isn't this abusing the rule a little? Shouldn't there be a limit of, say, two 'outsiders' per team and

do many other countries take advantage of this rule, or is it just the home sides?

TONY GREAVES, LONDON.

● As far as I know, few other countries have benefited as much as the home nations, but you can't blame them for taking advantage of any rule. It isn't as if they're breaking it.

Come back deserters

I'D like to comment on Derek Johnstone's article, when he called for "cheers not jeers" from the fans now that Rangers are going through a sticky patch.

The part-timers of Clyde held Rangers to a 2-2 draw and it would be fair to expect a lot of praise and publicity would be given to such a feat. The Cup replay attracted only 10,000 supporters — I can remember when 30,000 Gers fans would be at Ibrox regardless.

What happened to these deserters? Couldn't they stomach the

thought of being beaten by part-timers? In the event, Rangers won the replay.

JOHN JUDGE, GLASGOW.

● Fans just about everywhere are fickle when things aren't going well. It's been a disappointing season for Rangers, by their standards, and this was reflected by the low gate.

Well done, George

CONGRATULATIONS to George Best. Since making his comeback with Hibernian he has done extremely well. Even after being away for so long, I still consider George to be better than many players in the English First and Second Division.

JIMMY MCGOUGH, COVENTRY.



● It's a shame the bad weather and the occasional 'disappearance' has meant George's (above) comeback has been rather stop-start, but he's certainly shown much of his old skill for Hibs.

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FEW people were surprised when Bryan Robson — West Bromwich Albion's brilliant midfielder player — was called into the England team for the European Championship match against the Republic of Ireland.

Robson's form has been so outstanding this season — despite Albion's slump — that his call-up seemed long overdue.

In fact several months ago a Midlands newspaper took the unprecedented step of organising a petition for Robson's inclusion and sending all the signatures off to England boss Ron Greenwood!

Greenwood is not the sort of man to be influenced by anything like that. He knows exactly what is going on in the football world, is aware of the ability, and current form, of all candidates and never makes a move until the time is right.

With their place in the European Championship Finals already secure the pressure was off. Greenwood could afford to experiment a little more — so in

puzzled a lot of good judges.

"The biggest problem was that a lot of players lost confidence after we made a shocking start to the season," he said.

"Like most other people we expected to carry on where we had left off the previous term, when we finished third in the First Division behind Liverpool and Forest.

"But it just never happened. The side was changed around a bit — with Laurie Cunningham and Len Cantello leaving and Peter Barnes and Gary Owen coming in.

"So when results went against us early on it proved too big a shock for some players to handle. Confidence drained away — and when that happens you have got problems.

"And I think we missed Cantello more than anyone thought we would. His absence was certainly noticed more than Laurie's.

"Len's tackling in midfield made a vital contribution to our game. When he went to Bolton that went with him — and we suffered as a consequence.

West Brom's new England midfielder Bryan Robson admits **'I'M HAPPIEST AS A DEFENDER'**

came Robson.

"I had desperately hoped for promotion to the senior squad for this game," said the 23-year-old Geordie.

"There had been one or two whispers on football's grapevine that made me think I had a chance. But I did not build my hopes up and took nothing for granted until the letter of confirmation arrived, and to be actually chosen for the team was tremendous."

"It's marvellous to be involved like this and there could not be a better time to be part of the England set-up.

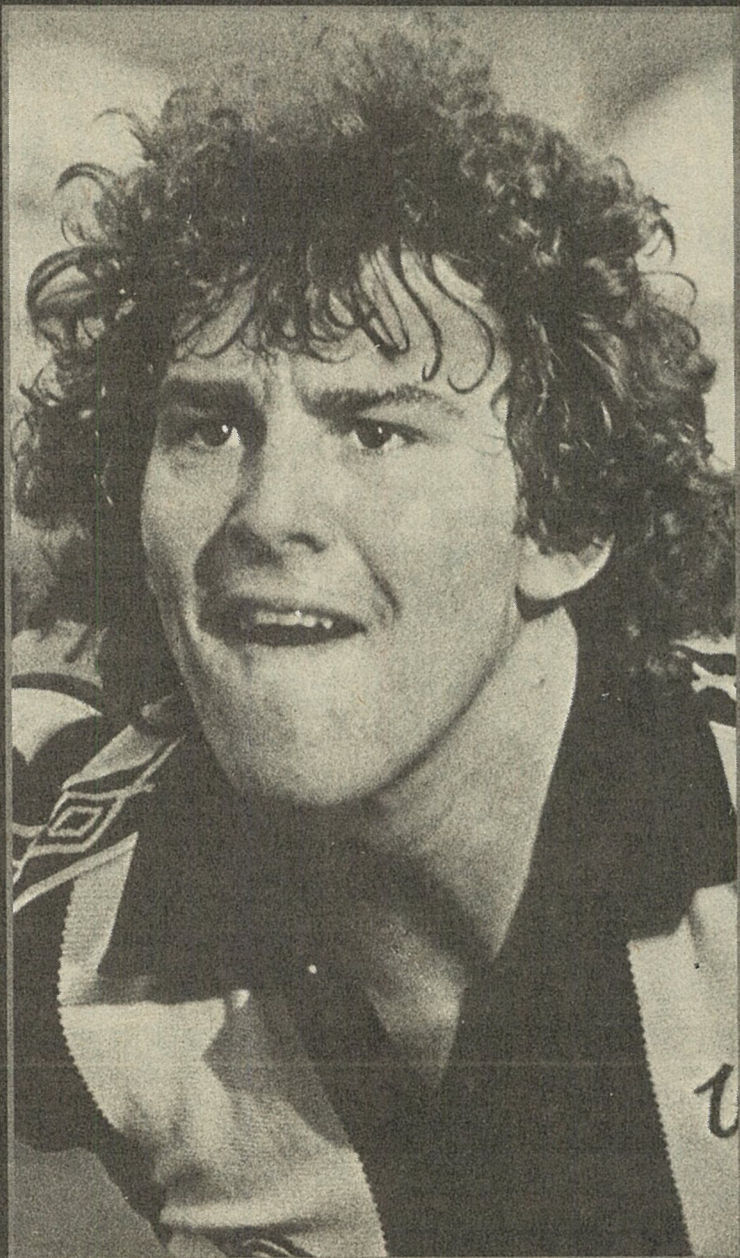
"Ron Greenwood has restored pride and respectability to our national side. He has made us a force to be reckoned with throughout the world again.

"I have won Youth and Under-21 caps and the whole international set-up now is superb. Now I have completed my collection.

"I'm particularly pleased to have been promoted while my club are going through a sticky patch. To know I have managed to impress Ron Greenwood at a time like that gives me extra satisfaction."

Certainly the team who were expected to be challenging for all the top honours have been left with only a fight for First Division survival on their hands.

No one in football would have expected that before the season started. Albion's decline has



"But in case anyone jumps to the conclusion that manager Ron Atkinson made a mistake in allowing Len to leave I should point out that the boss had no choice.

"Len's contract was up at the end of last season. He is a Manchester lad and wanted to move back up there — so that was that.

"It may be a bit early to say, but we could have found a replacement for Len now in young Remi Moses.

"We certainly had a more solid look when he made his debut for us at Crystal Palace recently. His tackles bite and it could have been more than just coincidence that his introduction inspired us to one of our best performances of the season.

"We drew 2-2 at Selhurst Park, but were the better side and deserved to win."

Robson knows what he is

talking about when it comes to tackling. For he is one of the best ball-winners in the business.

After a long struggle to establish himself he has emerged as the midfield king at The Hawthorns. Yet that is not his best position.

He admits he is far happier in the back-four, playing alongside the centre-half, where things come easier and more naturally to him.

But the Albion fans can relax. He has no intention of asking to be switched there.

"I've got to confess that I feel more comfortable in the back-four. But at the same time I'm enjoying things in midfield," he says.

"You get more involved there and while things are going so well for me I've got no plans to move back.

"Things just could not be better for me personally at the moment. I just hope they start looking up for Albion as well — and with the talented players at the club that is bound to happen."

It's hard to argue with a statement like that. And you can bet that man-of-the-moment Robson will do more than most to make it happen.

Len Cantello has been missed in the Albion midfield since his transfer to Bolton last year.

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Scoring sub

Who was the first substitute to score for England?

ADAM WILLIAMS,
CRAWLEY

● Jimmy Mullen, of Wolves, was the man, Adam, and it took place against Belgium in Brussels on 18th May, 1950 — fully 15 years before subs were permitted in the Football League.

But even further back, in 1932, the International Board had decided to allow subs in friendly internationals with foreign teams if both countries agreed — and this was one of those games.

For the record, England won 4-1 — the other goals coming from Stan Mortensen, Wilf Mannion, and Roy Bentley.

Arsenal's seven

Which club has provided the most men for England in any single full international?

MICHAEL BENSON,
ESSEX

● Arsenal take that one, Michael. They had seven players — goalkeeper Frank Moss; full-backs George Male and Eddie

Hapgood; wing-half Wilf Copping; and forwards Ray Bowden, Ted Drake, and Cliff Bastin — in the team which beat Italy 3-2 at Highbury on 14th November, 1934.

They also had six players in the England team against both Wales and Austria in February and May, 1936.

Dramatic end

Has there ever been an F.A. Cup Final with as dramatic a finish as last season — when Manchester United pulled two goals back to equalise in the last four minutes, and then Arsenal scored the winner with almost the last kick of the game?

KEVIN KELLETT,
PRESTON

● Can't have been many, Kevin, though one involving your own local club took place just before the War.

That was in 1938, when Preston and Huddersfield were still deadlocked at 0-0 within a few seconds of the end of extra-time — and the first Final replay since 1912 looked an absolute certainty.

Then, in a last-ditch attack, Preston's George Mutch was brought down by Alf Young just inside the penalty-area — with the ref's whistle poised to blow for the end of the game.

Instead, it blew for the obvious penalty. Mutch picked himself up, placed

the ball on the spot — and personally saw to it that the Cup went to Preston.

Another which springs to mind was the famous "Matthews Final" of 1953.

Blackpool were 1-3 down to Bolton with 15 minutes to go and the great Stan looking set to be missing-out once again on his coveted winners' medal — but then hit back hard until the old maestro laid on the 4-3 winner for Blackpool in the dying seconds of injury-time.

Stan Mortensen

Is it true that the great England forward Stan Mortensen once played for Wales against his own country?

ALAN BLACKBURN,
PRUDHOE



● Strange as it may seem, it is, Alan. It happened in one of those Wartime internationals — which don't count in the official records — at Wembley on 25th September, 1943.

Mortensen, on leave from the R.A.F. — he'd earlier received a severe head injury, sustained when his plane crashed, from which it was at one time

feared he'd never play again — was there as an England reserve. But the Welsh, harder hit by service calls, could manage no such "luxury".

When Ivor Powell was carried off in the second minute — rather than spoil the game for the crowd — it was suggested that Mortensen might "make up the number" for the Welsh.

An on-the-spot decision agreed — and, before anyone could have second thoughts, Mortensen was on the pitch — and, even though Wales were beaten 8-3, made a very promising "international debut" against his own country.

It was just one of those Wartime sporting emergencies — and, of course, when peace returned in no way jeopardised "Morty's" fine England career (23 goals in 25 full internationals) to come.

SHORT PASSES

● Norwich's best season in the F.A. Cup was 1958/59 when they reached the Semi-Finals.

(STEVE LYNCH, *Islington*)

● Roger Lewis is the only player to score for both Everton and Liverpool in Merseyside 'derby' games.

(ROGER LINGS, *Yateley*)

● Great Britain won the gold medal in the Olympic games in 1908 and 1912.

(ALAN HOWARD, *Australia*)

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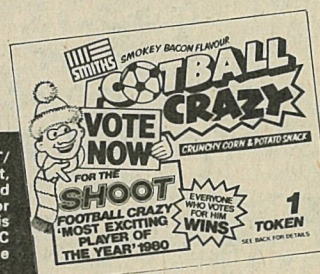
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WHAT I THINK ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITIES NEEDED BY A TOP PLAYER

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

ONE of the proudest boasts of the supporters of Rangers is that their club has never been relegated since their formation 107 years ago.

It is a boast which not even deadly rivals Celtic can match, for they were not founded until 15 years later.

But this season those same Ibrox supporters were looking anxiously over their shoulders following an unprecedented run of poor results which left them floundering near the foot of the Scottish Premier Division table.

Although relegation is now almost an impossibility, the fact that Rangers are not up there challenging Celtic's push for their second successive League Championship has placed great pressure on manager John Greig, a man whose name has become almost synonymous with the club.

Greig has seen it all and done it all for Rangers on the playing field. Now he has to do it all over again from the Ibrox hot-seat after being appointed manager at the start of last season following the sensational walk-out by Jock Wallace.

Determination

Greig has an insatiable appetite for hard work. He is far too humble to admit it, but there were many occasions when he literally carried the team to results. When the other heads sank Greig was always there with the in-bred determination to urge his team to better efforts, to keep on going right to the very end.

Now Greig recognises that quality in other players and other teams. He applauds it and, proving his sportsmanship, was his reaction last season when he watched his side go down 4-2 in a volcano of a game against Old Firm rivals Celtic at Parkhead.

Celtic had been reduced to ten men shortly after the interval when winger Johnny Doyle was ordered off. They were losing 1-0 at that stage, but they still managed to come back and win, those two points prising the Premier

Division title out of the hands of Rangers and taking it to Parkhead.

Undoubtedly Greig was a disappointed man that evening, but he still found sporting reserves in his massive heart to go into the Celtic dressing-room where the champagne was flowing freely in celebration and congratulate his opposite number Billy McNeill.

Perhaps the words of McNeill sum up perfectly the sort of courage that is required for such an action. He said simply: "I would like to think I might have been able to do the same sort of thing if the result and the circumstances had been reversed."

Only people who are close to the intense rivalry of both these Glasgow giants can appreciate Greig's gesture. Make no mistake about it, the competition between Rangers and Celtic is on an awesome scale.

Greig has suffered the poison-tipped snipers this season. He has kept his cool. He hasn't panicked, but continued to do things his way.

"I've had a good look at the transfer market," admits Greig. "There are players who have come to my notice, but I need men who

Colin Stein (left) scores Rangers first goal in their 1972 Cup-Winners' Cup Final victory over Moscow Dynamo.



want to play for Rangers. And to wear that blue jersey with pride.

"I must have dedication at Ibrox. I demand 100 per cent effort on the playing field. Nothing else will satisfy me.

"I can understand a player having an off-day. Every player is afflicted by form lapses. But I won't tolerate lack of effort. I admire players who aren't playing as well as they can, but are still eager to get into the thick of the action.

"They don't 'hide' when the

going gets tough. Those are my sort of players."

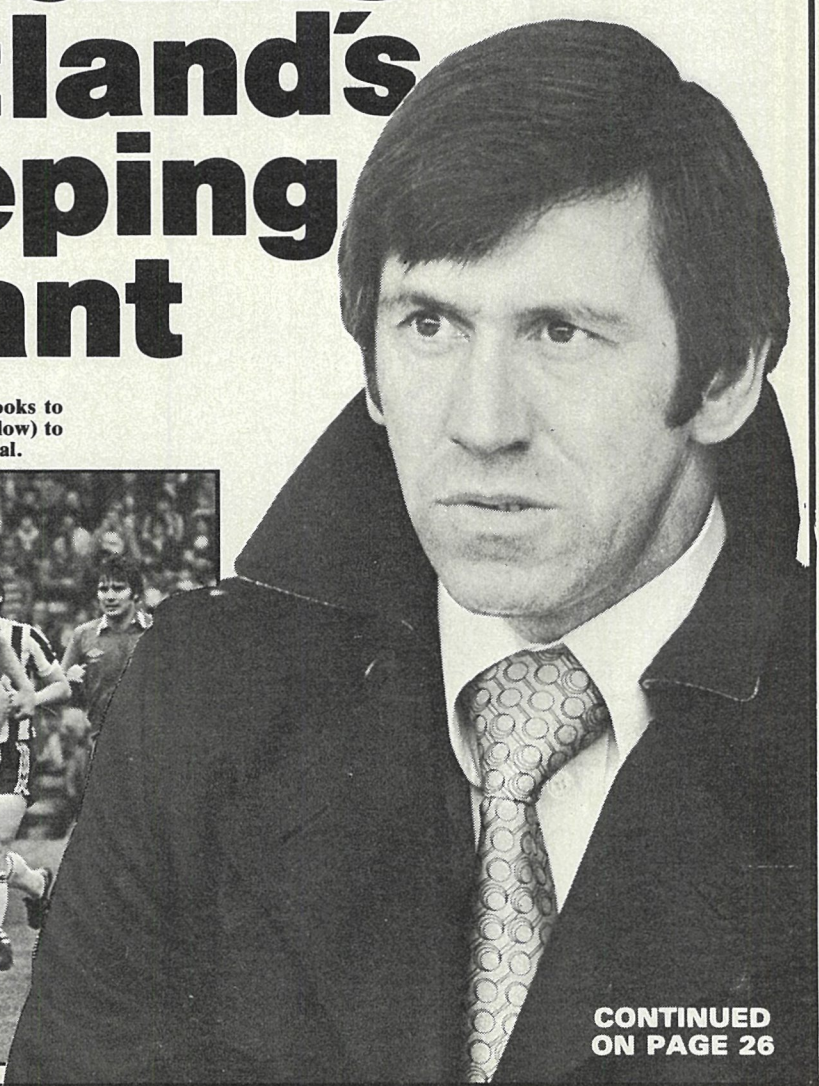
Greig was never one to opt out of the action when things were going against Rangers in his playing days. He was always where the action was red-hot and, ironically, he has found it difficult replacing himself in the team!

Again, he will not admit this, but it is fairly evident to anyone who watches Rangers. They have lacked the get-up-and-go of Greig, the charges he led from defence in stinging retaliation to any team who had the audacity to believe they could take two points from such a team as Rangers.

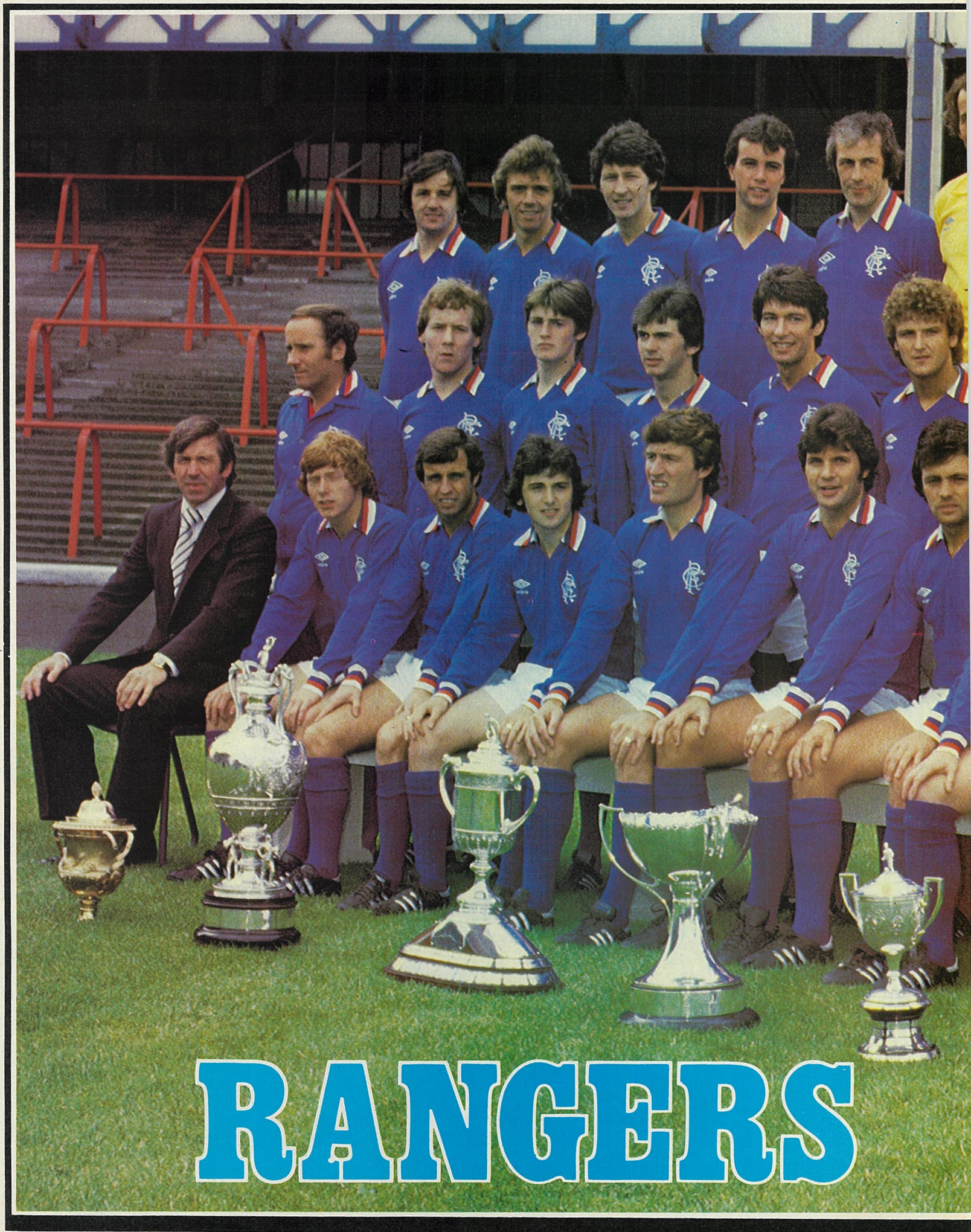
The Gers have struggled this season and Greig, rightly, has been perplexed. The team that was

RANGERS Scotland's sleeping giant

Manager John Greig (right) looks to players like Davie Cooper (below) to mastermind the Rangers revival.



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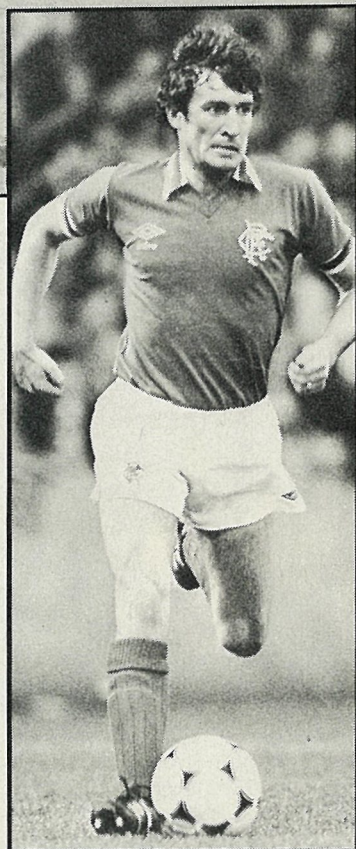
BACK ROW (left to right): Alex Forsyth, Alex Miller, Derek Parlane, Steve Richardson, Colin Jackson, Peter McCloy, Stewart Kennedy, Ray McIntosh, Tom Forsyth, Ken Watson, Ross McLaren.
MIDDLE ROW: Stan Anderson (reserve team coach), Chris Robertson, Iain Stirton, Gordon Delziel, Gordon Smith, 'Davie' Armour, Ally Dawson, Jim Denny, Billy Urquhart, Derek Matthews, Eric Morris.
FRONT ROW: John Greig (manager), Billy Mackay, Tommy McLean, Derek Strickland (now Leicester), Sandy Jardine, Derek Johnstone, Davie Cooper, Alex MacDonald, Bobby Russell, John MacDonald, Tom Craig (physio), Joe Mason (coach).

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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Peter McCloy (left), Sandy Jardine (below) and John MacDonald (right) represent the blend of young and old players at Ibrox this season.



good enough to win the Scottish Cup and the League Cup last season, go so close in the race for the Premier Championship and knock out Juventus and PSV Eindhoven on their way to the European Cup Quarter-Finals has gone off the rails without any prior warning.

Greig is now being urged to replace more than half his team by fans who are impatient, and by critics who forget that to build a side aiming at greatness you must first have a solid foundation.

Youthful

It has been pointed out to Greig that players such as Peter McCloy, Sandy Jardine, Tom Forsyth, Alex Miller, Colin Jackson, Tommy McLean and Alex McDonald will never see 30 again. Many would like to see them all make way for a more youthful team.

But those players have done superbly for the club in the not-too-distant past and are far too valuable to be discarded out of hand. Admittedly, they cannot go on for a great deal longer and will have to be replaced in coming seasons, but unless John Greig takes a leaf out of Malcolm Allison's Manchester City notebook he will make the changes in a gradual fashion.

Rangers are a club reared in success and their list of honours is breathtaking. They are to be applauded warmly for their efforts both at home and abroad. They are famous throughout the world and, along with Celtic, of course, they helped to put Scotland on the soccer map at club level and that is vitally important to a small

country.

As far as size and population goes, Scotland is comparable to Denmark, but the Danes have never produced club sides or great, multi-talented players on the same scale as the Scots.

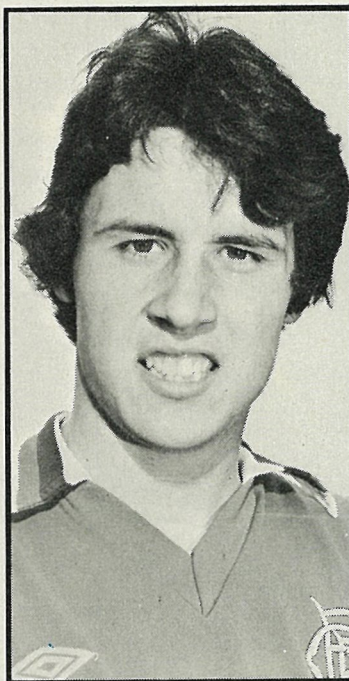
Rangers have done a marvellous job for Scottish prestige even though some of their fans seem hell-bent on destroying that image. At the moment the team is a slumbering giant in need of a blood transfusion to awaken it to the dawning of a new era.

In John Greig they surely have a

precious diamond. He is loyal to the team, absolutely geared for success, single-mindedly aiming to make Rangers a world power again and determined in his exhausting search of the transfer market to bring in the sort of players who will be proud to wear the famous jersey.

Thirteen years ago Celtic won the European Cup after beating Inter-Milan 2-1 in Lisbon and the following week Rangers had the opportunity to make Glasgow the sporting capital of Europe when they took on Bayern Munich in the Final of the Cup-Winners' Cup in Nuremberg. Alas, their gallant bid failed in extra-time.

That was a bitter disappointment for Rangers. Five years later they made the Final of the tournament again and made no mistake against Moscow Dynamo with Colin Stein and Willie Johnston



(two) getting the goals that brought them glory. It was a case of third time lucky, because the Ibrox men had played in an early Cup-Winners' Cup Final against Fiorentina when the trophy was fought for on a home and away basis. Rangers lost both games.

So, Rangers have had their agonies as well as their ecstasies. Their history is littered with all sorts of honours, they have a Hall of Fame second to none with an awesome parade of magical players, past and present.

The names battle with one another to emerge from the memory banks. Who could forget the incomparable Jim Baxter, the magnificently-talented midfield man who called his left foot 'The Glove'?

And what about the famous 'Wee Blue Devil', Alan Morton? The name will not be easily recognisable to younger readers, but Morton was to Scotland on the left-wing what Stanley Matthews was to England on the right.

Willie Henderson was a player gifted with unbelievable skills. Willie Woodburn was a tough, uncompromising centre-half. George Young was in the same mould, a proud representative of Scotland,

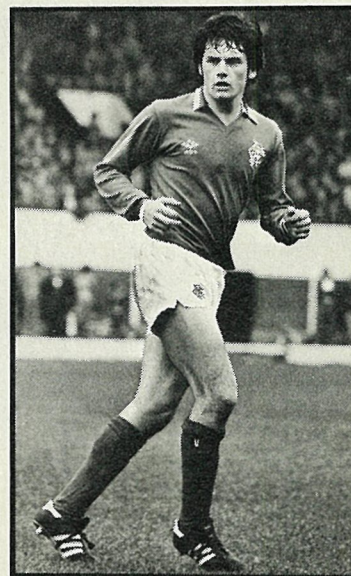
playing at right-back and centre-half and never letting down country or club.

With names such as those and so many more, Rangers can be content with their past glories. They can compare their history with the best teams in the world and not be ashamed. But it is the future to which they must look now to build a new era.

John Greig looks at the impressive new stand behind one goal and gazes at the work being done at the opposite end of the pitch. Another superb stand is being erected and when the work is completed Rangers will have forked out a staggering £5 million. They are gearing themselves to the future, preparing a stadium in readiness for the sharp focus that will centre on them if they live up to expectations.

Off the field, the club is being run and handled in a praiseworthy manner. It is now John Greig's responsibility to get a team to match that invention and industry.

Derek Johnstone has his part to play and so, too, have youngsters such as John MacDonald, Ally Dawson, and Robert Russell. Davie Cooper will have to prove his consistency and Gregor Stevens will



Kenny Watson

have to recapture the sort of form that made the Rangers boss pay Leicester City £150,000 for him at the start of the season.

Greig will not rest until he has the team ticking over with the sort of precision he demands. If his sheer hard work could be converted into results Rangers fans would be the happiest in the land today.

Alas, for John Greig and Rangers, rewards for endeavour don't always follow, but that will not divert the Ibrox supremo from his ultimate goal.

Ironically, one of Greig's favourite singers is a certain Frank Sinatra, whose theme song, of course, is 'My Way'.

WHEN Rangers recapture their old-time sparkle and play soccer with entertaining, enchanting method, John Greig will perhaps be forgiven for singing a few words from that famous ballad.

He deserves that opportunity.

Miserable Morton

THERE is an old adage in soccer which says that losing a Semi-Final is a lot worse than losing the Final itself. One team who might agree with that are Morton, beaten in the last four of both the Scottish League Cup and the Anglo-Scottish Cup this season.

Remember earlier in the season when the men from Cappielow were sitting at the top of the Premier Division? The goalscoring power of Andy Ritchie had taken them right to the top, and many were convinced they could stay there despite the challenge of mighty Celtic.

Yet since their 2-1 League Cup defeat to Aberdeen, nothing has gone right for Benny Rooney's team. The confidence, perception and precision has disappeared, and now Morton are struggling to remain in contact with the leaders.

Captain Davie Hayes sums up the feeling at the club when he says: "It meant so much to the club to get through to the League Cup Final this season, if for no other reason to prove we are not just a 'flash in the pan'."

"Aberdeen had beaten both Rangers and Celtic in their run-in to the Semi-Final, but we were confident of success as we had already won at their ground in the League."

"We never underestimated them, but nothing seemed to go right for us that day. The winning goal was scored from a penalty, we had what we considered a perfectly good goal disallowed and then Andy Ritchie hit the bar."

"The atmosphere in the dressing room after that game at Hampden was terrible. Nobody said a word."

It was ironic that shortly after that game, Morton took on Aberdeen in a League game — and won 1-0. Their performance in the Semi-Final was probably better.

"I suppose that's football. We

will just have to keep going and reward our supporters for the loyalty they have shown in the past."

"The players desperately want to win something for the fans. That may sound corny, but I can assure you it is the truth. We might be a small club, but the fans are tremendous. Obviously they don't match Rangers or Celtic in numbers, but they really get behind the team."

"That was what made our defeat in the Anglo-Scottish Cup all the more hard to swallow when we were again beaten, this time by Bristol City."

After a tremendous 2-2 away draw in the first-leg, Morton fans were understandably excited about their club's prospects of a Final meeting with Renfrewshire neighbours St. Mirren.

Defensive

But a stout defensive rearguard proved successful for the English visitors, and with only minutes remaining they broke through to score the only goal of the game.

"Give Bristol City credit," Hayes continues. "They deserved to win. We never really got started, and they played very well considering their own League problems."

"Had we played with the confidence and authority we had shown earlier in the season, I am sure we would have won."

Now Morton must knuckle down to the hard work required if they are to regain their status as Scotland's most promising team.

They have the players capable of achieving just that. Apart from Hayes and Ritchie there are Neil Orr, John McNeil, Jim Tolmie, Jimmy Holmes and Bobby Thompson. But the men from Cappielow must motivate themselves once again, before it is too late.

Joe Gallagher joins the Birmingham attack for an attempt on the Newcastle goal.



Birmingham, Leicester and Newcastle for promotion predicts JOE GALLAGHER

FOR Birmingham's Joe Gallagher, the next few months could prove to be the happiest in the ten-year career of the big St Andrews defender.

For next season, Gallagher is hoping his club will have returned to the First Division, an event which would coincide with his testimonial season to bring about a memorable "double" for the Liverpool-born centre-half. But Joe is fully aware that in their bid to achieve success, Birmingham face a testing time ahead.

"The promotion race will be close, and if we go through a bad spell it could ruin our chances of finishing in the top three," says Gallagher. "But our form this season has been good enough to convince me that we have what it takes to get into the First Division. For example, by the end of January we had knocked two top teams out of the F.A. Cup, Southampton and Middlesbrough. In over 250 first team matches for Birmingham I rate our win over Middlesbrough as our best performance."

"Four of the players who contributed so much in that game have also had a tremendous influence on our League form — these are Archie Gemmill, Colin Todd, Frank Worthington and Willie Johnston."

"To me, Archie's most impressive quality is his non-stop effort and dedication — here is a man who has been capped for his country, picked up League Championship and European Cup winners' medals and still approaches every match as though it were his last."

"At this stage in his career, it could be expected that he would leave some of the running to others, but by his own example he sets the pace for us. He tells us exactly what he wants from the side in application and effort."

"And as a back-four man, I fully appreciate the beneficial effect of Colin Todd in our defence. He is a silky smooth player who is very

quick and always in control, spreading confidence among the younger members of the side. Then up-front there is Frank Worthington, unflappable in most situations, and Willie Johnston, whose ball-control and flair make him a match-winner when in the mood and Keith Bertschin."

"In the hard games between now and May, the fact that we've the know-how of internationals to draw on is a great morale-booster."

Early in the New Year, Gallagher made an assessment of those teams he considered to be Birmingham's biggest rivals in the struggle for promotion from Division Two, selecting Leicester City, Newcastle United and Sunderland as clubs who would finish among the leaders.

'Quality'

"Newcastle and Sunderland are difficult to beat because they both have a quality player at the heart of the defence. For United, it's Stuart Boam, one of the most under-rated centre-halves in the game, and at Roker Park big Jeff Clarke is a dominating figure."

"Both teams managed 0-0 draws at St Andrews this season, to impress on me that we'll need to stay consistent if we mean to be top dogs — and I think we can. I'm sticking my neck out by predicting that the first three places in the League will be filled by Birmingham, Leicester and Newcastle."

"I am convinced that the opening minutes of any game have a great bearing on the final result. It's my firm belief that the first thing I do in the opening minutes will set the standard for my play later on — if I get off to a good beginning I feel I'll do well for the rest of the 90 minutes, and this can apply to a team as well as an individual."



Davie Hayes (hoops) in the League Cup Semi-Final.

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Third Division

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ROTHERHAM (0) 0
BURY (0) 2 (Mullen, Whitehead) 4,892
 Rotherham: Mountford; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stanciliffe, Green, Gooding (Tyler), McEwan, Finney, Fern, Nix.
 Bury: Forrest; Constantine, Kennedy, McIlwraith, Whitehead, Waddington, Mullen, Wilson, Halford, Hilton, Madden.

SHEFF. WED. (1) 4 (Mellor, Curran, King, Smith pen.)

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 0 49,309

Sheff. Wed: Bolder; Blackhall, Williamson, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, King, Johnson, McCulloch, Mellor, Curran.

Sheff. Utd: Richardson; Speight (Cutbush), Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goey, Bourne, Butlin, Garner, Sabella.

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Hadley)

OXFORD (1) 1 (Foley) 4,213

Southend: Cawston; Dudley (Polycarpou), Yates, Stead, Cusack, Hadley, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Otulakowski, Gray.

Oxford: Brown; Doyle, McIntosh, Briggs, Cooke, Jeffrey, Taylor, Duncan, Foley, Berry, Hodgson.

SWINDON (2) 2 (Williams, Tucker)

EXETER (1) 3 (Bowker 2, Pullar) 11,606

Swindon: Allan; Lewis, Ford, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Miller, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.

Exeter: Main; Mitchell, Hatch, Hore, Roberts (P), Roberts (L), Neville, Rogers (P), Bowker, Delves, Pullar.

WIMBLEDON v. MILLWALL postponed.

Fourth Division

ALDRESHOT (0) 0

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Butler) 5,217

Aldershot: Johnson; Scott (Longhorn), Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French, Sanford, McGregor.

Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Ferns, Impay, Townsend, Chambers, Holder, MacDougall, Butler, Evanson, Miller.

CREWE (0) 0

TRANMERE (0) 0 2,597

Crewe: Grobbelaar; Wilkinson, Bowers, McMahon, Scott, Proffitt, Davies, Guy, Coyne, Chesters (Ashworth), Bevan.

Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neil, Craven, Lumby (Mungall), Beamish, Kelly.

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Kennedy, Burke)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Dunleavy o.g.) 10,061

Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Firth, Kennedy, Burke, Smith, Stafford.

Huddersfield: Rankin; Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Hanvey, Laverick, Hart, Fletcher, Robins (Kindon), Cowling.

HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Ayre, Houchen, Hampton)

YORK (1) 1 (Loggie) 2,936

Hartlepool: Burleigh; Sweeney, Carr (Houchen), Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Loadwick, Newton, Harding, Hampton.

York: Neenan; Kay, Harrison, Ford, James, Clements, Randall, Lorimer, Loggie, McDonald, Wellings (Pugh).

HEREFORD (0) 0

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 4,514

Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Feeley, Stephens, Spiring, McGrellis, Hunt, White.

Portsmouth: Mellor; McLaughlin, Styles, Barnard, Aizlewood, Ellis, Gregory, Laidlaw, Perrin, Bryant, Purdie.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Bowen 2)

STOCKPORT (0) 0 3,163

Northampton: Poole; Farrington, Sandercock, Byatt, Gage, Sandy, Denyer, Williams, Bowen, Farmer, McCaffrey.



Stockport: Lawson; Rutter, Sherlock, Henson, Bradd, Czuczman, Williams, Prudham, Sword, Chapman, Coyle.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Quow)

WIGAN (1) 2 (Gore pen, Quinn) 3,312

Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Phillips, Sharkey, Slough, Foster, Gynn (Robson), Kellock, Cliss, Syrett, Quow.

Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Moore, Quinn, Urquhart.

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Wright)

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 3,432

Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Bentley, Delgado, Sproson, Beech, Farrell, Wright, Bromage, Chamberlain (N).

Scunthorpe: Gordon; Davy, Peacock, Deere, Hall, Oates, Green, Cammack, Pilling, Partridge, Stewart (Cowling).

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Coffill, Sermann)

NEWPORT (0) 0 5,326

Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Wilson, Bourne, Sermann, Coffill (Larmour), Lawrence, Cooper, Smith, Murphy.

Newport: Dowler; Walden, Relish, Bruton (D.), Oakes, Warriner, Vaughan, Lowndes, Tynan, Aldridge (Gwyther), Moore.

WALSALL (1) 3 (McDonough, Penn, Waddington)

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Nimmo) 5,449

Walsall: Green; Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Williams, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.

Doncaster: Peacock; Russell, Snodin, Lister, Bradley, Dowd (Daniels), Pugh, Nimmo, Riley, Little, Lally.

DARLINGTON v BRADFORD C and ROCHDALE v LINCOLN postponed.

Thursday, December 27

League of Ireland

DROGHEDA UNITED (1) 1 (Byrne)

LIMERICK UNITED (2) 4 (Meany 2 (2 pens), Duggan, Morris)

Drogheda Utd: Forrestal; Campbell, Ferguson, Myers (Freney), Cameron, Martin, Byrne, Doran, Clarke, Leech, Carthy.

Limerick Utd: Fitzpatrick; Ryan, Hand, O'Mahony, Fitzgerald, Nolan, Meany, Walsh (McDonnell), Morris, Kennedy, Duggan.

UCD (0) 0

WATERFORD (0) 1 (Gardiner)

UCD: McCabe; McKeown, Fox, Deeney, McDonnell, McGovern, Cassidy, Scully (Dunne), Drury, Dignam, Moran.

Waterford: Thomas; Hall, Gardiner, Finucane, Dunphy, Jackson, Murray, Carey, Madigan, McCarthy, Keane.

Friday, December 28

Fourth Division

TRANMERE (2) 4 (Beamish 3, Peplow)

BRADFORD C (0) 0 2,547

United's John McPhail (right) and Wednesday's Andy McCulloch in a mid-air duel in the Sheffield 'derby'.

Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neil, Craven, Kelly, Beamish, Peplow.

Bradford C: Smith; Podd, Watson, Bates, Baines, Cooper, Dolan, Martinez, Staniforth, McNiven, Hutchins.

Saturday, December 29

First Division

BRIGHTON (3) 4 (Clarke 2, Ward, Ryan)

MAN. CITY (1) 1 (Lee) 28,093

Brighton: Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton (Stille), Foster, Stevens, Ryan, Ward, Clarke, Lawrenson, O'Sullivan.

Man. City: Corrigan; Ranson, Donachie, Bennett, Caton, Booth, Henry, Daley, Power, Reid, Lee.

BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Gow pen)

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Shaw 3) 18,221

Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow, Rodgers, Merrick, Pritchard, Tainton, Mabbutt, Mann, Garland.

Aston Villa: Rimmer; Swain, Gibson, Ormsby, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Donovan, Cowans, Shaw.

COVENTRY (0) 0

NOTTM FOREST (0) 3 (Robertson 2 (1 pen), Bowles) 24,737

Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Coop, Holton, Gillespie, Hutchison, English, Ferguson, Blair, Hunt (Whitton).

Nottm. Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Francis, Bowles, Birtles, Bowyer, Robertson.

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Francis pen)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Hedley, Hodgson) 24,880

C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Francis, Flanagan, Swindiehurst (Walsh), Hilaire.

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Hedley, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong (Ramage).

EVERTON (0) 1 (King)

DERBY (0) 1 (Davies) 22,559

Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, King, Hartford, Stanley, Latchford, Kidd, McBride.

Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Webb, Osgood, Clark, Powell, Duncan, Davies, Emson.

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Butcher)

WOLVES (0) 0 22,333

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer (Clarke), Brazier, Daniel, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.

LEEDS (2) 2 (Hird, Hankin)

NORWICH (1) 2 (Mendham, Taylor) 23,493

Leeds: Lukic; Cherry, Stevenson, Hamson, Hart, Madeley, Gray, Hird, Connor, Hankin, Harris.

Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Downes, Mendham (Nightingale), Brown, Jones, Ryan, Taylor, Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.

MAN. UTD (2) 3 (McQueen, Jordan, McIlroy pen)

ARSENAL (0) 0 54,295

Man. Utd: Bailey; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Wilkins, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

Arsenal: Jennings; Devine, Rice, Talbot, O'Leary (Walford), Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Boyer, Peach pen)

BOLTON (0) 0 21,605

Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Hebbard.

Bolton: McDonagh; Clement, Nicholson, Greaves, Allardyce, Walsh, Nowak, Carter, Gowing, Cantello, Thompson (Burke).

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Pratt)

STOKE (0) 0 28,810

Tottenham: Aleksic; Hughton, Smith, Yorath, McAllister, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones, Gibson (Galvin), Huddle, Pratt.

Stoke: Fox; Evans, Johnson (P), Doyle, Smith, Dodd, Heath, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Sheldon.

W.B.A. (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (2) 2 (Johnson 2) 34,915

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Pendrey, Trewick, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Deehan, Regis, Owen (Brown A), Barnes.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson (Heighway), McDermott, Souness.

Second Division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Worthington, Bertschin)

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bishop) 16,682

Birmingham: Wealands; Broadhurst, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Worthington, Bertschin, Gemmill, Johnston.

Cardiff: Grotier; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Lewis, Bishop, Stevens, Ronson, Moore.

FULHAM (0) 0

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Marangoni) 9,591

Fulham: Peyton; Peters, Strong, Money, Banton, Gale, Marinello, Beck, Davies, Maybank, Lock (Greenaway).

Sunderland: Turner; Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Arnott, Marangoni, Hawley (Brown), Robson, Rowell.

LEICESTER (0) 2 (Kelly, Henderson)

Q.P.R. (0) 0 20,743

Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Goodwin, May, O'Neill, Byrne, Henderson, Young, Kelly, Smith (Wilson).

Q.P.R.: Woods; Shanks, Gillard, McCreery, Hazell, Wicks, Goddard (Waddock), Roeder, Allen, Currie, Hill.

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Shoulder, Cassidy)

CHARLTON (0) 0 26,238

Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright, Connolly, Rafferty, Hibbitt.

Charlton: Wood; Hazell, Shaw, Tydeman (Powell), Berry, Madden, Robinson, Warman, Hales, Walker, Gritt.

NOTTS CO (1) 2 (Hunt, Christie)

BURNLEY (2) 3 (Hamilton, Cavener 2) 7,596

Notts Co: Avramovic; Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Beavon, Mair (Christie).

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Burke, Overson (V), Rodaway, Cavener, Dobson, Hamilton, Young, Smith.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

ORIENT (0) 2 (Jennings, Godfrey)
LUTON (2) 2 (Moss 2, 1 pen) 9,292
Orient: Day; Fisher, Smith, Taylor, Gray, Moores, Chiedoie (Godfrey), Hughton, Mayo, Jennings, Coates.
Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss (White).

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Lee)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Gooding) 3,375
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Downman, Hodge, Rowles (Wright), Foley, Lee, Allinson.
Rotherham: Mountford; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Gooding, Dawson, Fern, Tiler, Finney.

Southend: Cawston; Cusack, Yates, Pountney, Moody, Hadley, Otulakowski, Polycarpou, Parker, Gray, Nelson.
Wimbledon: Goddard; Briley, Jones, Galliers, Bowgett, Downes, Dziadulewicz (Leslie), Parsons, Denny, Cork, Lewington.

BURY v BLACKBURN and CARLISLE v SHEFF. WED postponed.

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Murphy pen) 3,829
CREWE (0) 0
Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Wilson, Bourne, Sermanni, Coffill, Lawrence, Cooper, Smith (Larmour), Murphy.
Crewe: Grobbelaar; Wilkinson (Lewis), Bow-ers, Hunter, Scott, Prophett, McMahon, Guy, Davies, Bevan, Nelson.

WIGAN (2) 3 (Wright 2, Quinn)
STOCKPOT (0) 1 (Prudham) 6,847
Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Moore (Brownbill), Quinn, Urquhart.
Stockport: Lawson; Rutter, Sherlock, Henson, Bradd, Czuczman, Williams, Prudham, Sword, Chapman, Coyle.

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Butler)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 3,260
Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Ferns, Impey, Townsend, Chambers, Holder, MacDougall, Butler, Evanson, Miller.
Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Stalker, Taylor (Hamilton), Walsh.

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Little)
HUDDERSFIELD (2) 2 (Stanton, Kindon) 7,337
Doncaster: Peacock; Russell, Snodin, Miller, Lally, Bradley, Pugh (Fell), Nimmo, Riley, Little, Dowie.
Huddersfield: Rankin; Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Hanvey, Laverick, Hart, Kindon, Robins, Cowling.

HALIFAX (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 3,639
Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Firth, Kennedy, Burke, Smith, Stafford.
Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Phillips, Guy, Slough, Foster, Quow, Kellock, Cliss, Robson, Syrett.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Houchen)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Seal) 3,205
Hartlepool: Burleigh; Sweeney, Carr, Lawrence, Brookes, Ayre, Linacre (Houchen), Loadwick, Newton, Harding, Hampton.
Rochdale: Watson; Bannan, Snookes, O'Loughlin, Waldron, Taylor, Hoy, Wann, Seal, Scaife, Hilditch.

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Bell)
YORK (0) 1 (Clements) 3,492
Lincoln: McManus; Thompson, Neale, Sunley, Saunders, Peake, Hobson, Carr, Harford, Cunningham, Bell.
York: Brown; Kay, Harrison, Pugh, James, Clements, McGhie (Ferebee), Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Loggie.

NEWPORT (0) 0
WALSALL (1) 1 (Paul) 7,452
Newport: Dowler; Walden, Relish, Bruton (D), Oakes, Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Tynan, Aldridge (Bruton M), Moore.
Walsall: Green; Macken (Rees), Mower, Sbragia, Williams, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.

PORTSMOUTH (4) 6 (Rogers, Hemmerman 2, Aizlewood, Gregory, Laidlaw)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Bowen) 15,579
Portsmouth: Knight; McLaughlin, Viney, Brislley, Aizlewood, Ellis, Gregory, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.
Northampton: Poole; Farrington, Sandercock, Byatt, Gage, Sandy, Denyer, Williams (Sargent), Bowen, Farmer, McCaffrey.

PORT VALE (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (0) 2 (Needham, Crosby) 2,559
Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Bentley, Delgado, Sproson, Beech, Farrell, Wright, Bromage (Elsby), Chamberlain (N).
Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Howitt, Dixon, Youlden, Wooler, Crosby, Brodie, French, Needham, McGregor (Green).

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Green)
HEREFORD (0) 0 1,764
Scunthorpe: Gordon; Davy, Peacock, Dall, Deere, Oates, Green, Cammack, Pilling, Partridge, Stewart.
Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Feeley, Stephens, Spiring, McGrellis, Hunt, White.

Scottish Premier

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 4,500
Kilmarnock: McCulloch; Welsh, McLean, Clark, Armstrong, McDicken, Houston (Hughes), Gibson, Bourke, Mauchien, Street.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine; Stark, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Bannan, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Dodds, Kirkwood.

MORTON (0) 1 (Hutchison)
PARTICK (2) 3 (McAdam, Melrose 2) 8,500
Morton: Baines; Hayes, Miller, Anderson, McLaughlin, Orr, McLaren, Hutchison, Russell (Scott), Tormie, Ritchie.
Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam, Anderson, Doyle, Melrose, O'Hara, Gibson (Jardine), Park.

RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone)
CELTIC (0) 1 (Lennox) 36,000
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth (T), Jackson, Stevens, McLean, Russell (Miller), Johnstone, MacDonald (A), MacDonald (J).
Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, McAdam, Provan, Sullivan, Doyle, McLeod, Lennox.

ABERDEEN v HIBS and DUNDEE v ST. MIRREN postponed.

Scottish First

AIRDRIE (0) 0
RAITH (2) 3 (Ballantyne 3) 1,000
Clyde (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (0) 2 800

DUMBARTON (1) 4 (McNeil, Blair, Sharp, Coyle J.)
HAMILTON (0) 0 2,500

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (McNaughton, Moyes o.g.)
BERWICK (0) 1 (Wheatley) 2,500

MOTHERWELL (0) 0
ARBROATH (0) 0 3,221

HEARTS v AYR and ST. JOHNSTONE v STIRLING postponed.

Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 1 (Campbell)
MONTROSE (1) 1 (Murray) 308

ALLOA (0) 0
Q o S (1) 1 (Alexander) 600

E. FIFE (0) 0
E. STIRLING (0) 3 (McCaig, Lamont, Robertson) 798

FORFAR (4) 5 (Mitchell 2, Rae pen, Clark, Gallcher)
MEADOWBANK (0) 3 (Leetion, Jobson 2) 1,200

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 2 (McLean, Gillspie J)
FALKIRK (1) 2 (Brown, Whiteford) 877



Joe Jordan (dark shirt) scores for Manchester United against Arsenal.

SHREWSBURY (2) 3 (Biggins, King, Aitken o.g.)
BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Penny) 7,097
Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Maguire.
Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Williams, Mabbutt, Taylor (Jones), Aitken, Barrowclough, Emmanuel, Penny, Dennehy, Puls.

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Waddle)
PRESTON (0) 0 11,401
Swansea: Letheran; Phillips, Rushbury, Charles, Stevenson, Giles, Craig, James, Waddle, Toshack (Attley), Callaghan.
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, McAteer, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Coleman, Elliott, Potts (Haslegrave), Bruce.

WATFORD (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 13,481
Watford: Steele; Henderson, Harrison, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Pollard (Cassells), Blissett, Ward, Train, Rostrom.
Cambridge: Webster; Stringer, Smith, Calderwood, Fallon, O'Neill, Biley, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbons, Murray.

WREXHAM (1) 2 (McNeil, Vinter)
CHELSEA (0) 0 15,641
Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Kenworthy, Davis, Jones, Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Carrodus.
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Sparrow, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Langley, Walker, Harris (Rhoades-Brown).

OLDHAM v WEST HAM postponed.

Third Division

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Fraser)
SWINDON (2) 3 (Kamara, Rowland, Mayes) 12,120
Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Salman, Jones, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton (Holmes L), Graham, Booker, Fear, Phillips.
Swindon: Allan; Lewis, Stroud, McHale, Tucker, Carter, Miller, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.

CHESTER (0) 1 (Rush)
BLACKPOOL (0) 0 4,212

Chester: Millington; Raynor (Jeffries), Walker, Storton, Cottam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jones, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.
Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, McEwan, Ashurst, Thompson, Harrison, Doyle, Bamber, Kellow, Weston (Hockaday).

MANSFIELD (0) 0
EXETER (1) 1 (Neville) 3,711
Mansfield: Arnold; Thompson, Foster, Curtis, Bird, McClland, Thomson, Lathan (Allen), Austin, Taylor, Mann.
Exeter: Main; Mitchell, Roberts (P), Hore, Giles, Hatch, Neville, Rogers (P), Bowker, Delve, Pullar.

MILLWALL (0) 2 (Lyons, Towner)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 6,991
Millwall: Jackson; Donaldson (Coleman), Roberts, Mehmet, Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Seaman, Mitchell, Lyons, O'Callaghan.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Bruce (Richardson), Barker, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Funnell.

OXFORD (0) 3 (Berry 2, Foley)
HULL (0) 0 3,662
Oxford: Brown; Doyle, Watson, Briggs, Cooke, Jeffrey, Taylor, Duncan, Foley, Berry, Hodgson.
Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, Skipper, Hawker, Dobson, DeVries, Roberts, Haigh, Edwards, Phillips, Norrie.

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Ridley o.g.)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 6,425
Plymouth: Crudginton; James, Harrison, Foster, Philipson-Masters, Cooper, Bason, Graves, Sims, Randell, Hodges.
Chesterfield: Kendall; Tarrt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Moss, Walker, Salmons, Crawford.

READING (3) 7 (Heale 2, Earles 2, Bowman pen, Kearns, Kearney)
BARNLEY (0) 0 5,488
Reading: Death; Joslyn, White, Bowman, Hetzke, Moreline (Kearns), Earles, Sanchez, Kearney, Lewis, Heale.
Barnley: Springett; Flavell (Joyce), Collins, Glavin, McCarthy, Chambers, Banks, Clarke, Graham, Lester, Pugh.

SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Bourne pen)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Cumming) 21,684
Sheff. Utd: Richardson; Moore, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goey, Bourne (Brown), Butlin, Garner, Sabella.
Grimsbey: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wiggington, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Liddell, Mitchell, Cumming.

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Polycarpou)
WIMBLEDON (0) 3 (Denny 2, Cork) 3,952

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THE GAME NOT WORTH TALKING ABOUT

SPAIN'S recent friendly against Holland was an incident-packed affair, with the home team edging home 1-0 thanks to a late Dani penalty.

First, the Spanish team spent the best part of 24 hours making the trip from Madrid to Vigo. Their flight took off from Madrid and headed North, but when the aircraft arrived over Vigo, visibility was too poor to permit a safe landing. Conditions were the same in other nearby airports, so the plane had no option but to turn round and head back to Madrid!

The team hurriedly zoomed from the airport to the station to take the overnight sleeper and arrived in Vigo the following morning.

Even the match itself was bugged by problems. Eighteen minutes had been played when the floodlighting failed, and the teams had to cool off in the dressing-rooms for an hour before they could re-emerge into torrential rain to play out the remaining 72 minutes!

In the meantime, the Dutch team had become so fed up with waiting that they'd all had a shower and changed ready to go home!

After the match, the Dutch manager Zwartkruis commented: "It's not worth talking about the game, because it was such a farce that the best thing is to pretend it never existed."

BUNDESLIGA THE BEST

THE English First Division, we are constantly told by English players, managers and writers, is the best in the world. I'd say it was the most *testing*, as it's over 42 games and played in all sorts of weather. But the *best*...? I'm not so sure.

England may boast the European Champions, but overall, the West German Bundesliga has a very valid claim for the 'best' tag. This season, the Germans have a record five clubs in the last eight of the UEFA Cup; Hamburger SV are still in the European Cup and their only casualties have been Fortuna Dusseldorf in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Last season, Borussia Mönchengladbach won the UEFA Cup, with Dusseldorf losing 4-3 to Barcelona in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final. In all, five German clubs reached the Quarter-Finals stage in European competition. This means that over the past year, Cologne, Hertha Berlin, Borussia Mönchengladbach, MSV Duisburg, Dusseldorf, HSV, VfB Stuttgart,

Bayern Munich, Kaiserslautern and Eintracht Frankfurt... ten clubs out of 18 in the Bundesliga... have reached European Quarter-Finals.

The English tend to make boasts which they can't substantiate. A superior attitude is too often followed by actions which don't back up the claim.

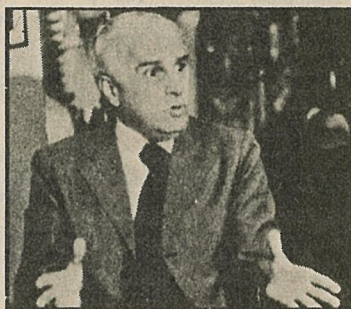
English goalkeepers are good — very good; but even the best have made blunders when the heat is on and these mistakes are seen all over Europe. Just as English fans make fun of foreign goalkeeping mistakes, they're doing the same to the 'boastful English'.

However, whatever anyone feels about English football, there is nothing like it as a spectacle. The atmosphere, goalmouth incidents and the breakneck speed at which it's played. This may not lead to skilful football, but chances are there's never a dull moment.

● Photo shows Borussia beating Craiova in the UEFA Cup this season.



COUTINHO IN, COUTINHO OUT



GIULITE Coutinho (left, no relation to previous manager Claudio Coutinho) has been elected president of Brazil's new F.A., the Confederação Brasileira de Futebol (CBF). All efforts made by Admiral Heleno Nunes during '79 as CBD president to get support from club directors, which included raising the number of participants in the Brazil Cup to an all-time record of 96, hiring planes and promises of financial aid to various clubs, seem to have had little effect in the actual election. Giulite Coutinho's apparently sincere hopes of changing the whole basic structure of Brazilian football proved much more realistic and concrete than all promises and actions taken by Nunes.

Giulite has already said that Brazil will have a full-time manager or managers and, although he had not publicly mentioned a name, he is reported to have told regional F.A.'s (mainly those who voted for him) that Zagalo is his number one choice.

In fact, the new full-time manager of Brazil is Tele Santana, who played for Fluminense and Brazil during the 50's. Claudio Coutinho will continue as coach of Flamengo at £3,000 a month (plus bonuses). A full profile on Santana will appear in World Wide in a couple of weeks.

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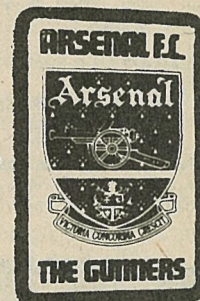
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FOLLOWING the financial problems of Chilean clubs, the Chilean F.A. have established a maximum expenditure allowed to each, which is based on receipts from the previous year. Another regulation is that each club is only allowed a maximum of 18 players on the playing staff and this is now causing problems with the Players Union who are threatening an all-out strike, because of unemployment to some 300 of their members. The clubs are endeavouring to form themselves into self-financing companies, and this is also causing problems.

News flashes

Valdemar de Brito has died. Although one of Brazil's best-ever players of the 30's, he will most probably be remembered for having been the first manager to give Pelé a chance in professional football, taking him from Baurú Athletic Club to Santos.

Uruguay will make a tour of Europe during March, in preparation for the Mundialito — World Cup Winners' Cup — which is to be played in December. The tour will include matches in Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Yugoslavia.

The new manager of Qatar's national side is the Brazilian Evaristo Macedo. Thirteen other Brazilian coaches have been signed by the Qatar F.A. to prepare the youth teams of Qatar's major clubs.

The Polish F.A. has announced that following Poland's failure to qualify in the European Championship, their First Division will be reduced from 16 clubs to 14 for season 1981-82, in order to allow their national team more time to train together.

Bayern Munich have, they hope, found their successor to Franz Beckenbauer at last. He is the 24-year-old Norwegian international Jan Aas from FC Moss, whom several English clubs had been interested in. After seeing him play in training games, manager Uli Hoeness said: "Aas is a real find, and a bargain at only £50,000."

Former West German ace Gerd Müller was hoping his American club Fort Lauderdale Strikers would engage a German coach for the new season in the USA. His hopes have been dashed, however, for Cor van der Hart, a former Dutch international centre-half who once had a spell with Arsenal, has signed a lucrative three-year contract with the Strikers.

Gustavo Giagnoni, ex-AC Milan boss and now manager of First Division Pescara, has been banned from the trainer's bench for the rest of the season by the Italian F.A. for allegedly "insulting the referee" at the First Division match away to Udinese.

DREADED TRIP

MADRID'S poor neighbours, Rayo Vallecano, must dread their trips across the city to Real's Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. Since promotion to the First Division they've visited Real on three occasions... and lost 1-4, 2-5 and recently beat their own dismal record when they were hammered 7-0. Laurie Cunningham was among the six players who got their name on the scoresheet, to take his goal tally to six.

Meanwhile Athletic Bilbao also dread their trip across the Basque country to visit their San Sebastian neighbours Real Sociedad. The Spanish League leaders gave them a 4-0 hiding, and it's now 12 years since Bilbao picked up a point in the Atocha Stadium.

**The controversial star
gunning for Celtic and England**

JUANITO

Spain's firebrand ace

U.E.F.A. banned him for a year after he allegedly butted East German referee Herr Prokop at the end of Real Madrid's surprise European Cup elimination by Grasshoppers of Zurich in 1978. He was hauled over the coals for publicly admitting that while playing for Burgos he and other players took the drug centramine before matches. He had to write a public letter of apology to the Spanish soccer authorities after some explosive comments following Spain's dismal performance in the 1978 World Cup. He had to send a similar letter to the Referees' Committee after the publication of some controversial comments about their attitudes to the game. Not surprisingly, Juan Gómez González, alias Juanito, tends to be better known for his displays of temperament than for his soccer skills, and opposing crowds cheer mercilessly when he receives yet another, almost inevitable, yellow card for protesting.

But behind the firebrand reputation, Juanito, 25, is a superbly skilled right winger. His dribbling is sensational, with so much close control that he almost spirals through defences. He's a matchwinner — and there aren't too many of them around these days.

Juanito, re-emerging after his U.E.F.A. ban, hopes that 1980 is the year when he proves his ability to everyone

minutes from the end they scored a blatantly illegal goal with a linesman holding his flag up as high as he could reach. Prokop took no notice and I just blew my top...

Juanito's international reputation is, as he is the first to admit, strictly limited. Since he joined Real Madrid from Burgos in 1977 for £255,000 the Spanish club hasn't exactly set Europe alight. And, as England and Spain haven't met for 12 years (prior to the friendly in Barcelona on March 26th), he's had no chance to impress British fans. Next week (March 5th) Celtic fans should see him in action in the European Cup.

"Yes, the European Championship Finals represent my big chance to project my name at top level.

"Of course I can't guarantee that I'll produce the goods in Italy, but that's my aim. I think our group is very evenly balanced, and I honestly feel that anyone could win it. In theory the Italians are the hot favourites, having finished fourth in the last World Cup and because they'll be playing at home. But Italy aren't a particularly young side you know.

"What's more, playing in front of their own fanatical fans can be a double-edged weapon, because there'll be all sorts of pressures on them, and the responsibility might inhibit them. In this respect I think the order of the matches favours Spain much more than England, as the Italians will be at their most nervous during the opening match against us. Whereas by the time they play England they may be in a do-or-die situation and will really be giving it all they've got with tremendously fanatical crowd support.

Admiration

"In the other group, I think it'll be between West Germany and Holland. And you know, in a way it'll be a shame if the Germans come out on top. I'm not anti-German or anything like that, but I've a lot of admiration for the Dutch teams of the last decade, and it seems criminal that a nation that's left an indelible mark on the development of the game should pass by without clinching any major honours. What a team! I mean, look how they qualified for the Finals, coming from 0-2 down in East Germany to win 3-2. I doubt if any other team in the world would have been capable of that.

"Going back to our group, I'm looking forward to the match against England, because English teams generally play football and let the opposition play football as well. I'm afraid that Latin teams have a much more negative approach and they're scared of letting the other team play its football. They prefer to haul a man down rather than let him pass, even in harmless situations in midfield. In Spanish football you generally see just one team trying to play football — the home team. And the visitors are only interested in defending and destroying. I just hope that in Italy we can do something to change our image, and we can only do that by playing good football. I recently got into trouble for saying that the attitudes in Spanish football are chaotic, but unfortunately it's the truth...

In a way, it's a sad comment on modern attitudes that Juanito's habit of telling the truth should brand him as a controversial renegade. Let's hope that in Italy he'll be able to keep a tight rein on his explosive temper and give us a chance to make a cool-headed judgment of one of the top wingers in Europe.



"THE ban was a nightmare. OK, I asked for it, and my temper let me down again, but I thought it was a harsh decision. Originally, it was for two years, but thank goodness they halved it.

"You know what shook me most? Seeing the France Football ratings of the top players in Europe and not seeing my name anywhere on the list. Not one vote. Please don't think I'm trying to be presumptuous, but I would put myself among the top dozen players in Europe at the moment. I just haven't had the projection at international level. All because of one game!

"I keep trying to forget it, but I just can't. We'd won the first-leg 3-1, and we thought we'd do OK in the return in Zurich. But they scored a strange goal after about 25 minutes — from a corner. Lord knows how the ball got into the net. That really made us sit up and take notice, because there was only one goal between us and elimination on away goals. We started to play some good stuff, really knocking the ball around. But we didn't score. As the second-half wore on we got more and more scared that they'd sneak that other goal and knock us out. Sure enough, about three



THE END FOR MAIER

I WAS sad to hear that Sepp Maier's injuries sustained in a car crash last summer had finally forced him to quit; Europe is not so well off for characters that we can afford to lose a personality like the West German 'keeper.

Sepp had just completed an amazing run of 442 successive Bundesliga games for Bayern and his appearance against Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV last June was to be his last.

Maier, 36, played 473 Bundesliga games in all; was German Footballer of the Year in 1975, 1977 and 1978; World Champion in 1974; European Champion in 1972; European Cup winner in 1974, 1975 and 1976; Intercontinental Cup winner in 1976; German Champion in 1969, 1972, 1973 and 1974; German Cup winner in 1966, 1967, 1969 and 1971; European Cup-Winners' Cup winner in 1967; and won 95 caps for his country.

His successor at Bayern is Walter Jungmans, 21, a most promising goalkeeper who "will make it to the top if I coach him," says Maier.

Maier always played well against England, and I'll miss his long shorts and big gloves on the world football circuit.

Pat McCluskey

Scotland's forgotten man

WHEN Scotland slapped a life ban on five players six years ago it made sensational reading, powerful front page news.

International skipper Billy Bremner, Willie Young, Arthur Graham, Joe Harper and Pat McCluskey were the players who found themselves firmly out in the cold after what became known as 'The Infamous Nightclub Affair' following a midweek European Championship match against Denmark.

That suspension has now been lifted, but let's take a look at how the careers of the five players progressed. Bremner, in the twilight of his Scotland career in any case, moved from Leeds United to Hull and is now managing Doncaster Rovers.

Centre-half Young moved for £100,000 to Spurs and then crossed London to join their near neighbours Arsenal. Arthur Graham also went to England in a £200,000 transfer from Aberdeen three years ago and Joe Harper returned to Aberdeen from Hibs to become the highest goalscorer in the club's history.

But what ever happened to Celtic's Pat McCluskey, an outstanding young defender who was tipped to go all the way to the top in soccer?

'Suspension'

He is now away from the spotlight in the Scottish First Division with part-time Dumbarton and he concedes: "I'll never be able to forget that suspension... people just will not let me push it into the past. It will be something I will have to live with forever, I suppose."

He is still a determined, durable defender any club can rely upon and he can also do a serviceable job in midfield.

He really is the odd man out among the Copenhagen Five, the forgotten member who was pushed into the shadows while Bremner, Young, Graham and Harper still enjoyed the good life in the big-time.

Yet it could have been so different for the player who made his debut for Celtic in a European Cup Semi-Final match against Inter-Milan in a packed San Siro crowd in Italy.

He played at left-back in that side and was superb as the Parkhead men earned a 0-0 draw, although they eventually tumbled out of the trophy at Celtic Park when the game went to a penalty-kick shoot-out which the Italians won 5-4.

McCluskey learned that night that soccer can be a cruel game. Celtic had played Inter-Milan off the park both at San Siro and at Parkhead, but one slip had spelt disaster.

The mature performances of

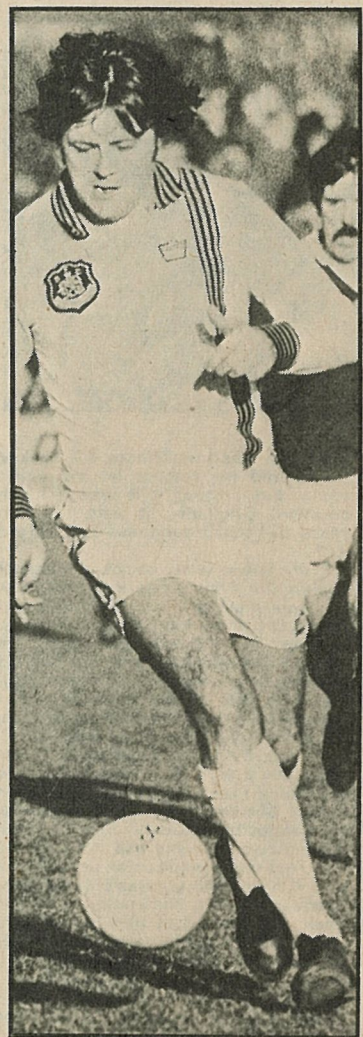
McCluskey in the heart of the Parkhead defence made him a certainty to achieve international recognition. He was a consistent member of the Under-23 squad before the hammer fell on him.

It is to McCluskey's great credit that he did not allow the disappointment to interfere too much with his club displays, but three seasons ago he finally left Celtic in a £20,000 move to little Dumbarton — a transfer that would have been unthinkable only three years previously.

But that is soccer and now McCluskey is putting much-needed backbone into Dumbarton's rearguard as they strive to pin down a place in the Premier Division.

They have been a surprise packet this season with their consistency and it's just possible that they could get promotion along with hot favourites Hearts.

Pat McCluskey certainly deserves another chance at the big-time. We only hope that people forget the past and leave this talented and determined player to look to the future.



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| (2) Musical instrument | (7) Form of object |
| (3) Acquire by study | (8) He's a teacher |
| (4) Bottle container | (9) Enlist in ranks |
| (5) Cures | (10) They're spools |

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Decide which letters are represented by the numerals in the frame and so identify ten League sides. We've given you the first as a guide.

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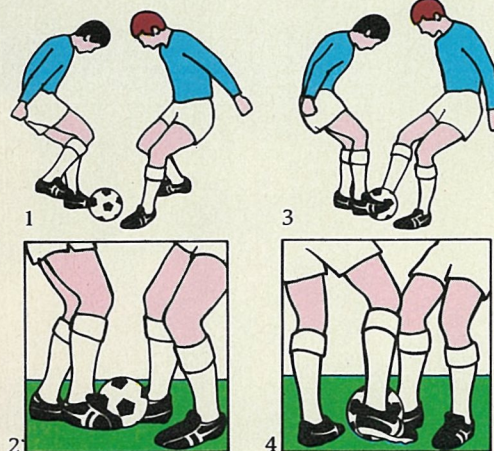


Phil Neal's Tackling Tips— The 'Front Block Tackle'

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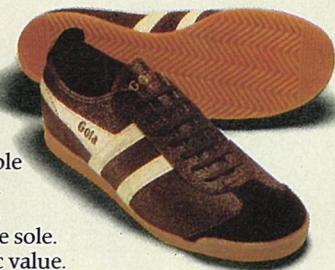
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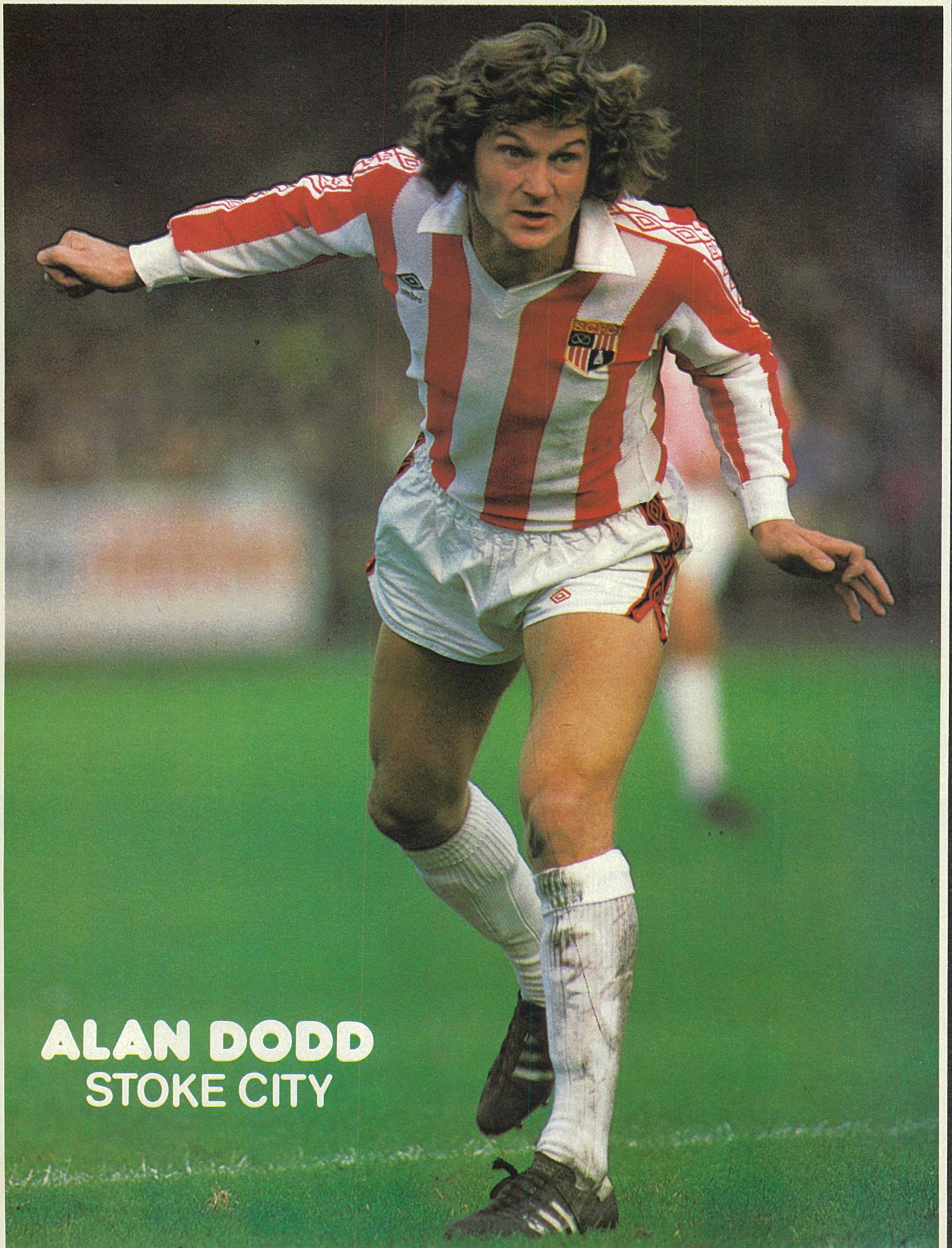
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Sunderland + Stapleton

THE Alan Sunderland-Frank Stapleton partnership has shot Arsenal towards top honours this season. Hit-men Sunderland and Stapleton, the lethal combination of London football, have already scored 30 goals between them in the first five months of the season. As the Cup competitions head for the later rounds, Arsenal's chances of success rest as much on the two front men as on the more famous shoulders of midfield man Liam Brady.

A place in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Quarter-Final; a healthy position in the top three of the First Division title race and a good solid appearance as holders in the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup... all were notable achievements for the North London club.

Yet Alan Sunderland, one of the men responsible for The Gunners' success in the first half of the season, isn't altogether convinced the record is as good as it sounds. And Sunderland admitted: "We can certainly play a lot better than we have been doing, and we all know that."

'Started'

"It might sound like a most impressive run but in all honesty, it has been an up and down season so far. We started off pretty well but had a sticky patch just before Christmas, especially at home. We lost the League Cup Quarter-Final to Swindon and, frankly, we could have done a lot better in quite a few of our games. We just haven't played to our full potential as often as we would have liked."

Sunderland included himself in the criticism even though he's been past the double figure mark in goalscoring for some time. "I've scored a few but not as many as I

=SUPER STRIKERS

should have," he says. "I've missed some sitters and, like the side, I had a lean spell around Christmas and the start of the New Year."

But Sunderland is well aware of the abilities of his front partner, Frank Stapleton. "Frank is a real grafter, a true hard worker," he says. "He is great to play alongside because he is always on the move, and he takes a lot of weight off my shoulders. He's the big guy who takes a lot of knocks, always there, looking for goals and scoring them, too."

"Our partnership has built up gradually but there is still room for improvement. When you've got a partnership like this, it can always be improved. When Malcolm Macdonald finished playing, I concentrated on working alongside Frank. We try to develop the partnership in training; getting an understanding over one-two's, learning to read what the other will do in certain situations and things like that."

"We have to work hard and keep trying to improve as a partnership. The longer we stay together, the better understanding we will get. But it takes time to really know

what your colleague is going to do in a certain situation."

Sunderland says that Arsenal, like many other sides, have found it easier to play well and succeed in away matches, rather than in games at Highbury. "The pressure is really on home sides these days," he says. "There is no pressure whatsoever on the away teams so they can just sit back, defend in depth and try to frustrate the other side. Then, if they're sharp up-front, they can get a goal on the break and perhaps pinch both points when they've deserved nothing. It's happening more and more, and lots of sides have found they do better away from home these days."

Despite that uncertain spell early in the New Year, Sunderland still firmly believes Arsenal can land a major honour by the end of the season — for the second year in succession. "We have a good chance of winning something," he says. "You need a bit of luck in every competition but we've certainly got the ability to land another trophy. It would be great if I could help the club to success in the European Cup-Winners' Cup because that would really put us in the spotlight."

"But we will have to work very hard for any success. At times, we have had a good win and then tried to coast through the next match against supposedly lesser opposition, with the result that we have occasionally slipped up. We have to be more convincing, especially at home, and be consistent every week, not just some weeks. Everybody plays well in the big games but if you want to win something, you've got to play well in the smaller games, too. That's something we have to remember."



Alan Sunderland, hoping for further glory with Arsenal.



Frank Stapleton, the other half of Arsenal's lethal forward partnership, is scoring consistently. Here he beats Wolves' keeper Paul Bradshaw this season.

England recall and tipped as 'Player of the Year' . . .

IT was ironic that David Johnson's recall to the England team after a five-year absence should last just 62 minutes before a collision with Republic of Ireland goalkeeper Gerry Peyton forced the England striker off on a stretcher.

For throughout his 12-year career in the game, Johnson's fortunes have ranged from the euphoric to the depths of despair, reaching highspots at Everton, Ipswich and Liverpool but equally having lengthy periods of disappointment.

Yet the very fact that Johnson figures in Ron Greenwood's plans for this year's European Championship Finals in Italy is testimony to his long-awaited arrival as 'a star'.

Johnson joined Liverpool in August, 1976, and for more than three years seemed destined to become one of manager Bob Paisley's rare errors of judgment.

Yet in the second half of last season, he earned his first extended run in the senior Liverpool team, and grabbed the opportunity with both hands.

Almost immediately a lethal striking partnership was forged with Kenny Dalglish, and such is the extent of David Johnson's emergence at the very top that he is even outscoring his illustrious team-mate this season.

Nottingham Forest assistant-manager Peter Taylor has singled Johnson out as the most impressive member in the Liverpool line-up this season, and the likeable striker has now emerged as the favourite for this season's PFA 'Player of the Year' award.

But despite all the praise that's now being heaped upon him,

David, in true Liverpool tradition, is unwilling to take anything for granted.

"There's always been fierce competition for every position at this club," he points out. "But right now, there's more competition for a striker's berth than at any other time since I've been here."

An obvious reference to the presence of men like Steve Heighway, David Fairclough and £300,000 buy Frank McGarvey, who would

surely walk into any other side in the country. But at Anfield they are having to take a back seat, a position Johnson knows only too well himself.

"If you start taking too much notice of other people's praise, and begin to think you've made it, then there's a very real danger that you'll relax too much out on the park," he says. "And before you know it, you're out of the team, and right back to square one."

"The goals I've scored recently have certainly given me a breathing space but then David Fairclough scored a hat-trick against Norwich, and so I'm back under pressure," he acknowledges. "It's not something I dwell on too long. In this game, the next goal is always more important than the last."

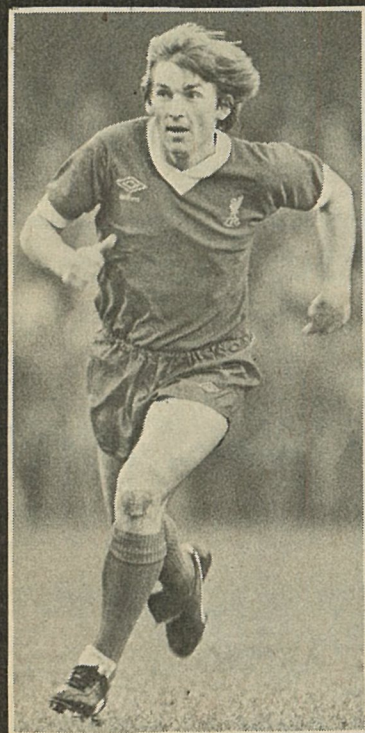
"I've got to keep nipping in with a goal here and there. But then my Liverpool team-mates keep creating so many chances, that Kenny Dalglish and myself are bound to score a lot."

"People were talking about an international recall long before it actually came about, and I always tried to push it to the back of my mind. Obviously I would love to go to Italy this year, but whether I will be included in the squad or not I just don't know."

"When I was in the reserves at Liverpool, like all the lads on the fringe of the first team, I was made to feel important," he explains. "But I felt I was just a small cog. Now my performances over the past year have elevated my status, and I definitely feel that my contribution to the cause is that much greater."

"Kenny and I have developed a tremendous understanding, and I can honestly say that I've never enjoyed my football at Anfield more than I do now."

JOHNSON takes nothing for granted



Kenny Dalglish (above) has struck up a successful striking partnership with Johnson (right, white shirt) which is helping Liverpool to the League title again.



THE long run of good results under Ron Greenwood has meant a full house, or near enough, every time England play at Wembley. While the fans have been tremendously loyal to us, deep down I feel they go to watch England superstar Kevin Keegan more than anything.

Kevin proved yet again, not that anyone had any doubts, that he is Europe's Number One, with his five-star performance against the Republic of Ireland. He covered every blade of grass, scored both our goals and was involved in just about every move.

The highest compliment I can pay Kev is to say that he hasn't changed as a person over the years. The fame and fortune haven't altered him and he is still the same K.K. who was an England rookie during his Liverpool days. There is not one ounce of jealousy or animosity from the other players because Kevin is in the limelight — to us, he is a great guy, a great footballer... one of the lads and one of the team.

People say we rely heavily on him — of course we do. Teams always lean on outstanding players. The Dutch did it with Johan Cruyff and our European Championship opponents Italy will be looking to Paolo Rossi for some magic in June.

Having said that, I think the England team would still be effective even without Kevin (heaven forbid!). During his 2½ years in charge, Ron Greenwood has built a pattern of continuity where we have improved slowly but surely over the

months. The Eire game may have been disappointing in some ways, although England did all they had to to win and there was never any danger of us losing.

We've played Eire three times recently. Four years ago at Wembley they were unlucky not to win when they drew 1-1; in 1978 the European Championship draw in Dublin was exciting. I can't really understand why the Wembley match didn't measure up. There were plenty of class players on view, yet neither team played well consistently.

I don't think the Irish came for a draw — there was no need for them to do this. On the other hand, as I read in SHOOT, it's been years since they won an away competitive game, so something must be lacking. I noticed they didn't get the ball up to Frank Stapleton very quickly... the end product was poor and I felt sorry for the Arsenal striker who ran himself into the ground.

I rate the Republic the hardest of the 'home' countries to play against and with a couple more players they could end their 13-year 'duck' and make a big impact in Europe.

Sadly, I missed the Wembley game. United went to Yugoslavia to play Hajduk Split. It wasn't the happiest of trips for me. We lost 6-0 and four minutes before the end I kicked the studs of one of the Hajduk players and bruised my instep.

I was near to playing against the Irish; it was my decision not to risk it. The impression I had from Ron Greenwood is that he would have

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selected me, but the possibility of letting down the team forced me to cry off. I eventually watched the game from the stand with the other crocks Trevor Brooking and Mick Mills.

There were some good individual performances — Kevin, of course; Dave Watson at the back was ever commanding; Kenny Sansom was sound at left-back; for Eire, Mark Lawrenson and David O'Leary confirmed what I thought, that they are as good as any pair of central defenders around. I can't believe David is still only 21. Watching him play he gives the impression he's been

around for years, such is his coolness.

Liam Brady made some of his customary pin-point 30-yard passes . . . overall, though, it was England's night. The lads stuck to their task and once again we had a clean sheet.

Our new boy, Bryan Robson, had a more than satisfactory debut. The manager has said that you don't need a ball-winner if you don't give the ball away, because then you don't have to win it back. Fair enough, but Bryan is good at closing people down and won the ball at vital times with his strong tackling. I'm not in favour of having a player who is nothing more than a ball-winner. Bryan has shown he can use the ball as well as he wins it, though.

Manchester United's new boy, Nikki Jovanovic, made his debut at

Derby the other week and did as well as could be expected. He played in midfield, but will eventually settle at the back. He played the second-half at left-back against Hajduk and showed a lot of class.

Nikki is still learning our style, of course, and suffers by not being able to understand when we shout instructions. His English isn't bad, by any means. He understands more than he can speak — actually, I get the impression he understands more than he lets on!

He's found a house in the Manchester area and seems to be enjoying his new challenge. I doubt if we'll see the best of him until next season, though. With the side going so well, Dave Sexton is unlikely to

make too many changes, but Nikki looks a great prospect.

This Saturday (February 23rd) Bristol City are our visitors. They are too close to the relegation zone for their own comfort and it's never easy to gauge how a side in their position will react to a big game.

I remember when I was with Chelsea and we were on the verge of winning promotion and Oldham came to Stamford Bridge and beat us 3-0. On the other hand, struggling teams can lack confidence and go to pieces.

I've always found City a difficult team to beat. They're workmanlike with one or two individuals, notably skipper Gerry Gow. I'm surprised he's never been called up by Scotland.

We drew 1-1 at Ashton Gate after Lou Macari had given us the lead with a header. I'd call that a typical Bristol City game — you always have to battle for anything down there. I hope they stay up because I've enjoyed playing in Bristol.

United simply can't afford to drop a point on Saturday. City are the sort of team we must beat to maintain our title challenge.

Join me in a fortnight,

Ray Wilkins



"Kevin comes away from Eire's Tony Grealish."

Fitzpatrick's tale of two cities

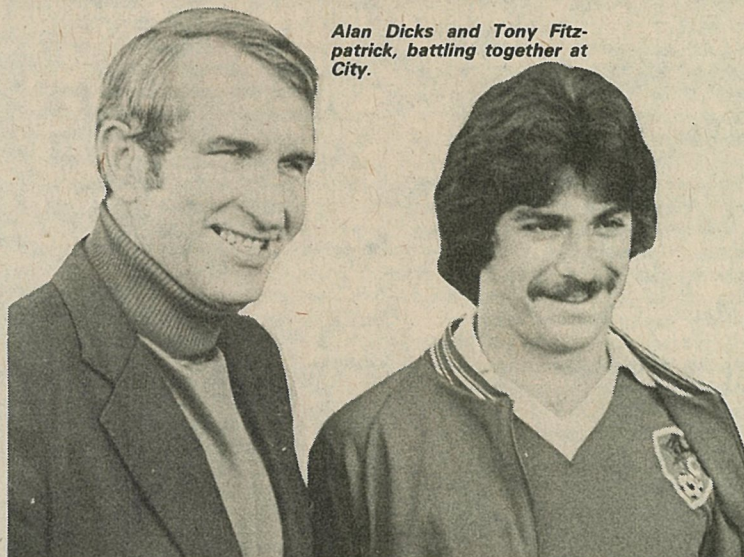
BRISTOL City are deep in relegation trouble this season, but Scottish midfielder star Tony Fitzpatrick echoes the defiance of his manager, Alan Dicks, when he talks about these hard times for The Robins.

"Football is full of disappointments," says Tony, "but you've got to keep working and believing in yourselves. We've had our share of bad luck. We've dominated games and come away with nothing. But the lads have been great. The team spirit is tremendous here.

"You'd think a few heads might go down, but we believe we can stay in the First Division. There are too many good players here for us to go down. We're confident we can avoid relegation."

If a dog fight for survival develops at the end of the season, Bristol City will surely have the right kind of experience behind them. They've been in that position before.

"Obviously, the manager's got a big part to play when the pressure's on. He's got to instill confidence in his players and make them believe in themselves again. That's just what Alan Dicks is doing at City. He helps to keep the right kind of optimistic atmosphere in the dressing room, and that's very important."



Alan Dicks and Tony Fitzpatrick, battling together at City.

Tony has had a baptism of fire in the First Division. Alan Dicks signed him from St Mirren last July for £250,000, and that move provided a whole new challenge.

"I didn't feel that the size of the fee put any pressure on me," Tony explains. "I was happy to get the chance to try and prove myself down here. The English First Division is definitely the best in the world. That's really why it appeals to Scottish players. There's more

money in the game here, too, and the standard's a lot higher.

"The First Division is a hard place to play, but if you can do well, you've really proved something. It's great going to places like Liverpool and playing against people like Kenny Dalglish. You've got to learn from that, haven't you? Liverpool beat us 4-0, but running out at Anfield was really something.

"Playing in England has made

me sharper. There's more time in the Scottish game. That's one big difference. But I'm still learning. It'll take a couple of years for my game to really improve. Still, I'm enjoying myself. Back home I was playing in front of maybe 7,000. Now we're getting 40,000 or more at some games. It's tremendous.

"We live just outside Bristol and the scenery is beautiful. When I wake up now, there's lovely countryside all around. It's quite different to the city of Glasgow, where I grew up. It was all tenement buildings there. I'm married and this is a smashing place to raise a family. I'm very happy."

Tony may be loving his new life with Bristol City, but put him under an X-ray machine and his heart would still come up showing the blue of Scotland! Jock Stein made it clear Fitzpatrick was part of his midfield plans when he called him back into the full squad at the end of last year.

"I think he's going to give a lot of young players a chance," says Tony, 23. "I'd love to play for my country. That's been a burning ambition all my life."

If Tony Fitzpatrick can grow in stature, in the heat of the First Division survival battle, his prize could be the blue shirt of his national side. He would not ask for more.

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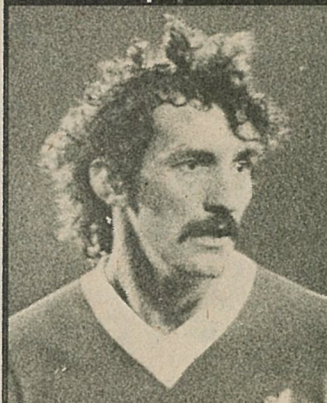
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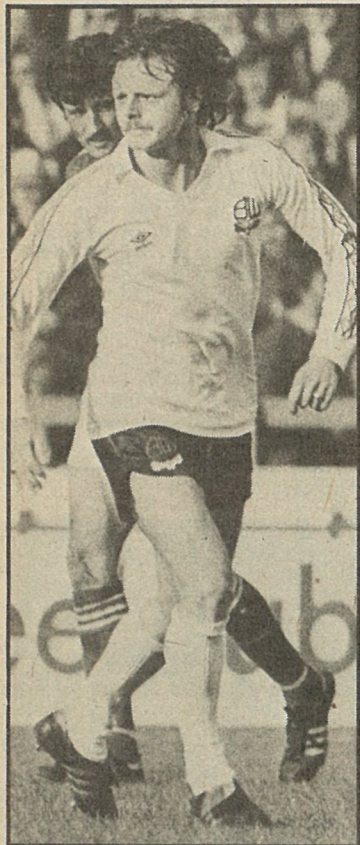
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TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Neil McNab (below) was transferred from Bolton Wanderers to which other First Division club for around £200,000 recently?



2. Why was Scotland's European Championship clash with Portugal at Hampden Park postponed?

3. Nottingham Forest drew 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2 with Barcelona in Spain to clinch the European Super Cup?

4. Which Leeds United star has recently been suspended for four years from European football following his sending off for Wales against Turkey?

5. Manchester City's £750,000 striker Mick Robinson (right) was fined by his club recently... why?

6. Which London Second Division club were reportedly securing the services of top hypnotist Romark in their bid to climb the table?

7. Bobby Robson (Ipswich Town), Alan Mullery (right, Brighton) or Terry Venables (Crystal Palace) made a plea recently for referees to stop using the red and yellow cards?

8. Southend United sold striker Derrick Parker for £60,000 to which club recently?

9. Birmingham City's Colin Todd was sent-off for the first, second or third time in his career when he was shown the red card against Charlton Athletic at The Valley?



10. Can you name the Third Division manager who resigned and then three hours later was reinstated?



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

England played the Republic of Ireland at Wembley on February 6th. See if you can answer the following questions about the game.

11. England won 2-0 with both goals coming from captain Kevin Keegan (below). Did he score them in one half or in each half?



12. Who skipped the Republic for the first time?

13. Can you name the player from each side injured in a collision and substituted?

14. How many players were from outside the Football League?

15. Was the attendance at the game 70,299; 80,299; or 90,299?

ANSWERS:

1. Brighton. 2. Snowed off. 3. 1-1. 4. Byron Stevenson. 5. He claimed in a Sunday newspaper he had been forced to play when he was not fully fit. 6. Kerr. 7. Robson. 8. Barnsley. 9. First. 10. Grimshby's George. 11. David Johnson (Eng-land) and Gerry Peyton (Repub-lic). 12. Five — Cunningham, Keegan and Woodcock (Eng-land), O'Brien and Plesse (O'Leary (Republic)). 13. 90,299.

PUZZLE TIME ANSWERS

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(1) Burnley. (2) Reading. (3) Everton. (4) Chelsea. (5) Halifax. (6) Ipswich. (7) Newport. Initials: BRECHIN.

'I don't regret joining Derby'

*says manager
Colin Addison*



lacking in the character department.

"I knew it was going to be hard when I took over, even though it's been tougher than even I expected, but I certainly didn't underestimate the task ahead. The problems along the way haven't helped. No one is ducking out of anything here. We'll keep going until the end or until it's impossible to avoid the drop.

"I'm not a fool. I know relegation is staring us full in the face. Anyone who wants to quit can do so... I'm not about to. This isn't a new decline at Derby, that must be clearly understood. Allowing the quality players to leave was a first step along that road to problems. That's all in the past now.

'Determined'

"I've been a winner in my short managerial career. When you've been that way, it makes you determined to get back to that situation.

"It would be easy to say I regret joining Derby. I still say the decision was the right one at the right time and I don't regret it. Things will be sorted out, hopefully with Derby remaining a First Division side. If we have to go down, we will do so and re-build in the Second Division. I've never been frightened of a challenge.

"I've only one more thing to say — those who want to join me in the challenge can do so. But if others are dubious, they must get out fast. This kind of situation isn't one for the faint-hearted, or lukewarm."

THE demise of Derby County has startled football. From a side which won the First Division Championship barely five years ago and, a year later, was playing mighty Real Madrid in the European Cup, Derby are a club facing the ignominy of relegation to Division Two. If ever there was a classic illustration of the changing fortunes inside football, the example of Derby is surely the best.

It's been a miserable decline for the club that won the League title twice in the 70's and were regular competitors in European football.

The glory days have gone for Derby, and with them the trophies, the big crowds, the headlines and the big name stars. The club has slipped from one perch to another, always in the same downward direction.

Colin Addison knew the task he was facing when he took over at the Baseball Ground at the start of this season. As Addison arrived, police were still at the ground continuing their investigations into the club's affairs under the former regime of chairman George Hardy and manager Tommy Docherty. That inquiry has continued to hang over the Baseball Ground like a huge black cloud.

Decline

Addison has had a traumatic season in anyone's language. But just where does the blame lie for Derby's decline — which may well end with a tumble into Division Two? Addison faces the music as befits a man who needed courage and bravery in abundance to take on the job in the first place.

"A lot has gone wrong," he says, "some of it is down to us but a lot of it from things we couldn't do much about. Injuries have crippled the club this season and I say that not as an excuse but as a fact.

"We've lost so many top players through the season that it's been almost unreal. Trevor Whymark arrived here on loan before returning to Vancouver looked like being a real asset. Then, he went down with glandular fever and that was the end of him.

"It's happened to so many other players — Roy McFarland, Gerry Daly, Steve Powell, John Duncan

and lots more. That may sound like an excuse, but people should remember those problems. I've never been at any club in my footballing life that has had so many problems through injuries in one season."

But there are other, less obvious, factors behind Derby's decline — and Addison doesn't deny them. "I suppose if you're looking back, you've got to say the club declined due to a large extent, to good players being allowed to go.

"The Football League seems littered with teams that include ex-Derby players. No club can afford to lose so many good players — like Charlie George, Colin Todd, Gordon Hill, Leighton James and Archie Gemmill.

"The present players have lost their confidence as things have gone on. Perhaps that's not surprising... it's affected most of them. But it's true to say that some haven't had the character to combat this kind of situation. I know the players who come into that category and I know what to do about it."

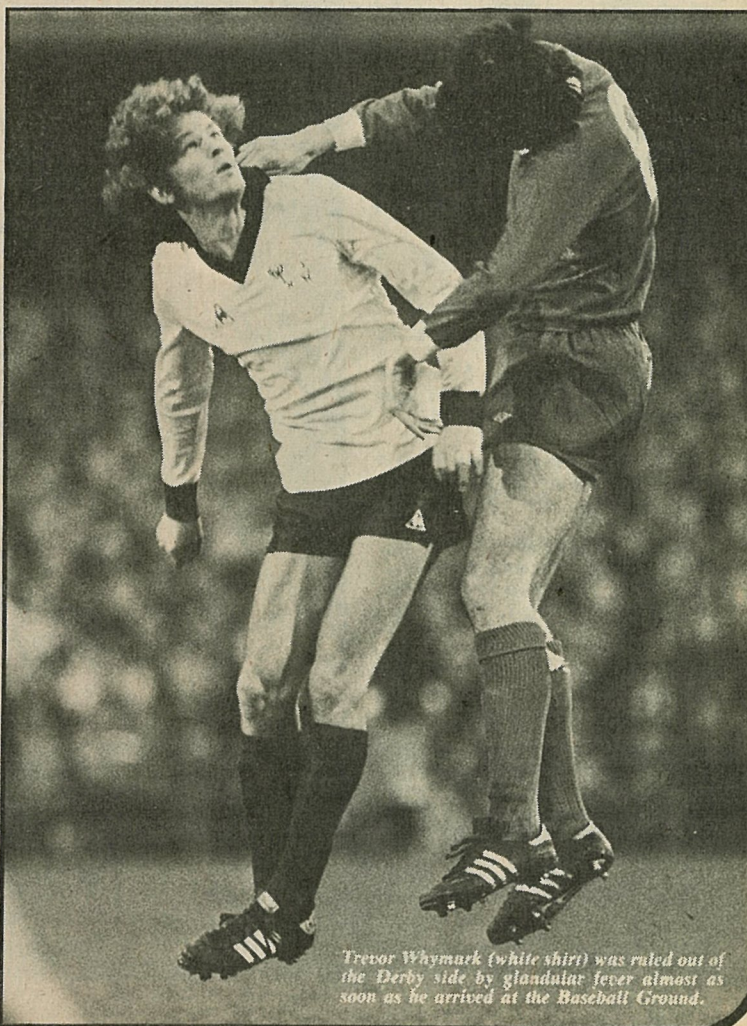
To add to Addison's worries, a flare-up just before the club's F.A. Cup tie at Bristol City led to two more players being put on the transfer list.

"Dave Langan arrived late with a feeble excuse and said certain things," said Addison. "I knew he wanted to get away and this was mixed up with it. Bruce Rioch weighed in with his views on the incident and challenged my authority. He, too, was put on the list straightaway. Problems like that haven't helped.

"The comings and goings, disruptions through injuries and other assorted factors have meant we've had no continuity at all, and that's a quality which you need in First Division football. We've had our successes — wins against Nottingham Forest and Arsenal — but there have been too many below par displays."

Do Derby really have enough

good players to survive? "Perhaps the answer is 'no' but we are trying to change things gradually," says Addison. "It's hard to do it overnight — especially when there is no money available. Alan Biley should help our problems since arriving from Cambridge recently, but, even so, our best clearly isn't good enough and we are probably



Trevor Whymark (white shirt) was ruled out of the Derby side by glandular fever almost as soon as he arrived at the Baseball Ground.

Allan Evans - Villa's back-four striker



ASTON Villa defender Allan Evans is taking nothing for granted. Although the versatile Scotsman has been one of the key members in the Villa revival this season, he is under constant pressure for his place.

"You have got to be on your toes all the time, or you're out," he claims. "If you're not playing well, you can be sure that manager Ron Saunders will drop you, and that's the way a successful club should be run."

At the moment Evans is sharing the central defensive duties with fellow Scotsman Ken McNaught. "Ken has improved 100 per cent this season," Evans continues. "When he first arrived from Everton the fans got at him because he was replacing a big favourite in



Evans (No. 4) heads home against Bolton.

Chris Nicholl. But now his confidence is there, and we are playing really well as a pair."

Yet should the form of either man waver, both are aware of the presence of former England Youth team skipper Brendan Ormsby ready to take over at a moment's notice.

"Brendan has already played this season, and is staking a very strong claim for a regular place in the side. He hasn't really put a foot wrong when he has been given his opportunity to show what he can do, and he is unlucky not to be getting more games. I'm sure

Brendan will win full international honours one day.

"Then there is Noel Blake. Noel is only a teenager, but is six foot two and built like a tank. He seems to improve with every game, and is a very good prospect."

Yet should Saunders ever feel inclined to reshuffle his back-four, Evans could still claim a regular spot as a striker. His final game for Dunfermline before a £100,000 move to Villa in May, 1977, was as a centre-forward, when he netted three times.

"When I signed for the club, the Villa fans thought I was a striker.

But Ron Saunders knew my best position was at centre-half, and although I have played as a makeshift forward for the club, I prefer it in the back-four."

In fact Evans had to wait 12 months before making his Villa debut, but the 23-year-old defender claims: "It was well worth the wait. I didn't really expect to go straight into the first team, and looking back on it, I am grateful that I wasn't thrown in at the deep end as soon as I arrived.

'Amazing'

"The difference between the English First Division and the Scottish First Division is amazing. It's like chalk and cheese. If I had gone straight into the Villa team I would probably have struggled. It took me the best part of 12 months to adjust, and so I went into the team with confidence intact."

Now Evans is determined to help Villa into Europe once again. He is determined to bring back the glory days to one of Britain's most prestigious clubs.

"We have a very young team at Villa Park now. Players like Gary Shaw and Terry Donovan have done exceptionally well, and with the old hands like Brian Little and skipper Dennis Mortimer playing better than ever I am sure the Liverpool's of this world will not be able to keep us out of the limelight for much longer."



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FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Leeds United
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all difficult
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut against Everton, April 15th, 1978
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing for Ipswich
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Barcelona in last season's European Cup-Winners' Cup Quarter-Final in front of a 110,000 crowd
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Hawaii
FAVOURITE FOOD: My Mum's toad-in-the-hole
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Fishing, all sports and eating out
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad mannered, arrogant people and cleaning my car
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Fawlty Towers, The Kenny Everett Video Show and Top of the Pops
FAVOURITE SINGERS: ELO, Queen
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Peter Sellers, John Hurt and Joanna Lumley
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BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents and wife and the coaching staff at Ipswich Town
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